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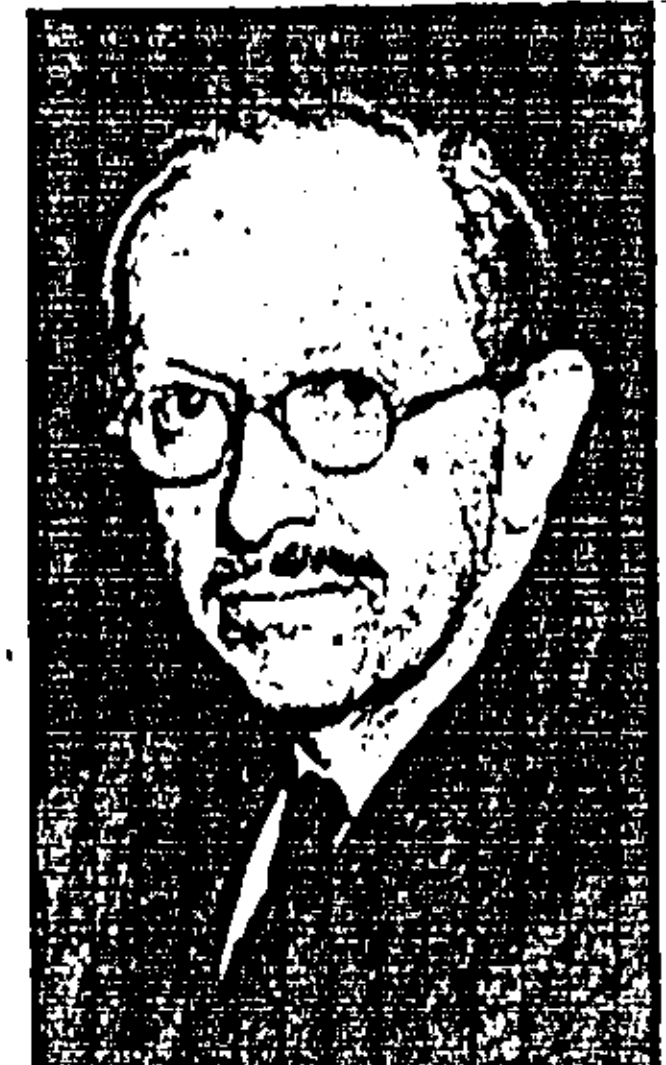
HK Matric Results

THIS year's matriculation results are undeniably disappointing: to many they are distressingly poor. Yet it is conceivable that to the majority of teachers and tutors through whose hands the candidates had passed the low 38.1 per centage of passes was not altogether unexpected. The immediate complaint which one hears raised is that the papers set were unfairly hard, but no genuine basis exists for the charge. Children who sit for the matric are potential candidates for the Hongkong University, and if the University is to maintain a properly high standard of academic ability and turn out graduates with acceptable degrees its students must be something above the average. The matriculation examination, in fact, has to be more than a test of text book knowledge; it must endeavour to extract from a candidate original thought and to challenge his or her intelligence. The fault of the relatively small percentage of successes in the annual Hongkong matriculation examination rests to a considerable extent on the shoulders of over-ambitious parents. They assume that because a child has convincingly taken School Leaving Certificate, there will be no difficulty in matriculating. The tendency, therefore, is to force a child into an examination for which it is not, perhaps, academically fit. Schools generally, in Hongkong, require a student to obtain at least three credits in the School Leaving Certificate before they approve of a child entering for the matric. It is a sensible condition, yet it would seem that even this fails short of requirements that will offer a candidate a 50-50 chance of passing the examination. It is, of course, to be regretted that only 38 per cent of this year's entrants for matriculation satisfied the examiners, yet much better a result than that, than any lowering of the examination's standard.

The Way Cleared

THE announcement that Dr Syngman Rhee has agreed not to obstruct any further conclusion of an armistice in Korea is heartening news. That he himself refuses to add his signature to a truce is not of any great moment. The United Nations Command is responsible for that duty and with or without President Rhee's signature, the agreement would remain valid. Mr Walter Robertson, President Eisenhower's personal envoy, has accomplished a first class job of work in his negotiations with Rhee. His patience was exemplary and it has been duly rewarded by the satisfactory arrangement that has emerged. Everything now hinges on whether the Communists are prepared to accept the Allied assurances that truce conditions can be faithfully fulfilled. The probabilities are that they will, and that the principal delegates will this week clear away any remaining obstacles to the signing of a truce. Some of the questions which the Communists have been asking the UN Command could quite justifiably be put to the Reds, and answers undoubtedly would be the same. The threat of unilateral intervention by Dr Rhee has been the principal poser, and with the removal of that danger, the way is clearly open for the conclusion of a ceasefire on mutually acceptable terms.

Top Level 4-Power Talks: Important Decision Today



LORD SALISBURY

Newspaper's Poll On Princess's Romance

London, July 13. The mass circulation Daily Mirror today called on its 4,500,000 readers to say whether Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth, should be allowed to wed Group Captain Peter Townsend.

Under a page one five-column headline — "Princess Margaret — and the Gullant Pilot" — the paper announced a national poll which said:

"Group Captain Peter Townsend, 38-year-old Battle of Britain pilot was the innocent party in a divorce. He was given custody of his two children and his former wife was recently remarried.

"If Princess Margaret now 22 so desires, should she be allowed to marry him?"

The paper said it believed the time had come for the voice of the British people to be heard in the problem.

"A true and deep affection" was reported to exist between the Princess and Group Captain Townsend who is an enquiry to the Queen.

"But this week Peter Townsend is due to leave London for the not very important post of Air Attache at Brussels — a move which has set the world speculating," the paper declared.

"It is believed that between Princess Margaret and Group Captain Townsend stands the Church's attitude to the remarriage of divorced persons.

"But the Church frowns on the remarriage of even innocent divorcees. And Princess Margaret as third in succession to the Throne has great responsibilities in giving full weight to the Church's attitude." — Reuter.

Renaming Everest Proposal

Birathnagar, Nepal, July 12. The General Council of Nepal's National Democratic (ruling) Party has recommended the renaming of Mount Everest as "Mt Tensing".

(The New Zealand Edmund Hillary and the Sherpa Tensing made the recent successful ascent on the 29,002 foot mountain). — Reuter.

THREE FACTORS NOW BEING STUDIED

Washington, July 13.

The Big Three Foreign Ministers will reach complete agreement today regarding proposals for a meeting of the United States President and the Prime Ministers of Britain, France and the Soviet Union, an authoritative source told Reuter.

In the first two sessions of the Western Foreign Ministers' conference here the acting British Foreign Secretary, the Marquess of Salisbury, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault have both urged such a meeting of the four heads of Government in view of:

1. The profound and widespread demand among the peoples of Western Europe for an attempt to seek directly with the new Soviet Government a relaxation of world tensions.
2. The importance of testing the reality and soundness of recent Soviet professions of peaceful intentions.
3. The difficulty of formulating Western policies aimed at world peace without a clarification of Soviet policy as peaceful or aggressive, particularly in the light of the new upheaval in the Soviet Government implicit in the downfall of the Soviet leader Mr Lavrenti Beria.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, has not dissented from these views during the conference but has urged the further discussion of various steps which must precede any such Big Four meeting, particularly regarding the formulation of an agreed Western policy towards the unification of Germany, a declared Western objective which cannot be achieved without Soviet co-operation.

Authoritative sources yesterday denied an American press report that agreement has already been reached in principle between the three Foreign Ministers upon a future meeting of the Big Four heads of Government. They said confidently however that agreement would be reached on the subject today when the Ministers will have before them the reports of two committees who met last night on the question of German unification, and the implications of this for the defence organisation of Western Europe, including Germany.

Presumably the Foreign Ministers will set forth in a communique at the end of the conference on Tuesday the basic conditions under which such a top level Big Four meeting might be held.

GERMAN QUESTION

Authoritative sources here said that in the discussions so far there was no indication that the Foreign Ministers had in mind limiting the agenda of the Big Four heads of Government to the German question. It was possible, however, that there might be a preliminary meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four powers as repeatedly indicated by the Soviet Union to consider the German question.

It is not expected that the Foreign Ministers will attempt to fix times or places for either the Big Four Foreign Ministers or heads of Government meetings but it is thought that they could be held before the West German elections which are due to take place in September. The discussions to date seem to have left open the question whether it would now be necessary to have the still scheduled meeting of the heads of Government of the Western Powers postponed earlier this month. An official spokesman has said that the holding of this meeting would depend not only upon the recovery of the health of the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, but on what the three Governments decided would be the proper procedure to follow preparatory to a meeting of the heads of Government of Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union. — Reuter.



Festing Issues An Ultimatum

Cairo, July 13. Lieutenant-General Sir Francis Festing, Officer Commanding British troops in Egypt, has told the Egyptian Government that, unless a missing British airman is returned by tomorrow morning, "measures will be put into force which will cause serious disruption and inconvenience to the Egyptian community in the area of Ismailia."

Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, told a press conference here last night that Egypt had rejected this British ultimatum.

A British military spokesman in Cairo said that the British demand concerned Leading Aircraftman A.V. Higdén, who disappeared after being called out of an hotel in Ismailia on July 9 by a man whom the British military authorities suspected was an Egyptian Army Captain in civilian clothes.

The British demand for the return of Aircraftman Higdén by 9 o'clock tomorrow morning (8 a.m. British summer time) after which General Festing reserved the right to take such action as he considers necessary — was handed to the Egyptian sub-Governor of the Suez Canal, Brigadier B.S. Gordon, Officer Commanding the North Arfa area of the Canal Zone.

Major Salem told a press conference: "We shall wait and see what action the British threaten to take." — Reuter.

Boycott Of Majlis

Teheran, July 12. Premier Mohammed Mossadegh and his Ministers have decided to boycott the Majlis (Parliament) because of opposition attacks against him, it was learned today.

Semi-official and press reports said that all 31 pro-government Deputies would resign and the government would call a referendum to get public support against the Opposition.

Apparently Dr Mossadegh's decision came after last Thursday's Majlis session, in which two Opposition members called him a "fascist", a "traitor" and a "foreign stooge."

The attacks came when the Speaker, a Mossadegh man, announced that there would be an interpretation of the government on Tuesday but that Dr Mossadegh himself would not be able to attend.

Political sources believed that if the pro-government Deputies boycotted the Majlis it would be paralysed. — United Press.

Mine Blows Up Train: Troops Killed

Hanoi, July 12. Thirty French Union troops were killed or injured today when the regular train between Hanoi and Haiphong was blown up by a remote-control mine about eight miles east of Haiphong.

The mine exploded directly beneath the military wagons of the train, which carried soldiers. It was the second time in three months the train had been blown up by mines.

Several other mines were detected along the track and removed by squads of railway workers who always travel aboard this train.

The Hanoi-Haiphong railway is the main traffic line in Tonkin. It was hoped the line would be restored either later tonight or early tomorrow morning. No further details were available at the moment.

Later, the French High Command announced another Vietnamese success when it was reported that the small loyal Vietnamese outpost of Phuong Tru on the Red River 18 miles south of Hanoi, was captured last night by the Reds after a violent fight. The rebels later evacuated the post.

GARRISON DISAPPEARS

The entire garrison of 50 Vietnamese soldiers has completely disappeared. A Marine patrol found the post sacked and reported that the struggle must have been particularly long and violent.

The Phuong Tru region is one of the communications lines used by the Vietminh to infiltrate into the Red River delta. Meanwhile, French Union forces dispersed two companies of Vietminh Reds, killing 30 rebels and capturing 17 others, during a mopping-up operation in the region of Quang Tri, 30 miles northwest of Hue in Central Vietnam, the French High Command announced in Saigon.

The operation has been carried on by several battalions of Franco-Vietnamese forces for the past two weeks.

High military sources also disclosed another mopping-up operation in the Song Ba Valley, on the eastern fringe of the mountainous regions, resulted in 300 natives rallying to the local troops. During this operation the sources said, three fortified Red camps were destroyed and great stocks of rice and salt were captured.

It was reported that six French or Vietnamese soldiers were injured by arrows emanating from blow pipes used by rebel natives. Increased patrol activity occurred in the last 48 hours over all parts of the kingdom as a result of the improved weather. One patrol reported that, after cross-examination of prisoners captured during their operations, it was learned that during a French aerial bombardment of a Communist post some 25 miles southeast of Dan Ban, the post was completely destroyed and the Reds lost 200 men, including one general.

French patrols were highly successful in destroying several Vietminh munition and food depots, it was reported.

Various minor clashes between French Union forces and the Vietminh were also reported from different parts of the country. The French Air Force was active and carried out several sorties on Vietminh concentrations. — United Press.

Plane With 58 Aboard Missing

Air-Sea Search

Honolulu, July 12. A Trans-Ocean Airlines DC-6 with 58 persons aboard was missing over the Pacific today and presumed to have crashed in the first trans-Pacific commercial air accident since World War II.

The plane, flying from Guam Island to the United States, was last heard from at 10:29 p.m. EST Saturday in an area some 300 miles east of Wake Island. An intensive air-sea search was being made of the area.

A Trans-Ocean spokesman said the plane was presumed to have crashed in the ocean. It was chartered by a civilian group and carrying 40 adult passengers, one infant and a crew of eight. It disappeared on the Wake Island-Honolulu leg of its journey.

Five hours after the gigantic search from Hawaii, Guam, Wake, Kwajalein and Midway had begun, no trace had been found of the missing aircraft.

In all, 19 planes and nine ships were put into the search with other civilian craft in the same general area also alerted.

MILITARY STUDENTS

The Coast Guard here said this was the first United States commercial plane to crash in trans-Pacific flight since World War II. A Trans-Ocean spokesman said the flight was a regular common carrier one from Guam by the non-scheduled airline.

He added that most of the passengers aboard were military students and civilian construction workers.

Intermittent radio distress signals have been heard from the area since the plane made his last routine radio check at 10:29 p.m. on Saturday. The spokesman said the plane had only enough gasoline to fly until 8:15 a.m.

A Flying Tiger plane reported seeing a green flare some 300 miles east of Wake during the night.

Ten of the passengers had been scheduled to leave the plane at Honolulu. — United Press.

Mutinuous Convicts Surrender

Salem, Oregon, July 12. About 1,000 prisoners in the Oregon State Prison here gave up today after a mutiny. Before capitulating, the prisoners set up a three-man committee to present their demands to the warden. — France-Press.

Gruenther Leaves

Paris, July 12. General Alfred M. Gruenther, who yesterday assumed Supreme Command of Allied forces in Europe, left here tonight by air for New York to testify before a Congressional Committee. He will return to Paris later this week. — Reuter.

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COLOUR BAR DENIAL

A Ministry of Labour official today denied allegations that employers were operating a colour bar.

The official said there were 18,000 coloured workers in the city but unemployment among them was not disproportionately high.

He added: "No complaints have been made to us officially that manufacturers are refusing to accept coloured workers for jobs for which they are suitable but must be borne in mind that the most part of them are generally suitable for the unskilled or semi-skilled types of work."

The allegations were made at a meeting described as "the annual rally" of the Afro-Caribbean organization.

The President, Dr Clarence J. K. Pillay, a coloured African doctor, said there was a very high percentage of unemployment among coloured people. He knew some who had not had a job for six, twelve or even eighteen months.

The Sunday Chronicle today declared that over 25,000 Africans and West Indians had joined the city's Negro Community since the war and "that Britain's second largest city has a colour problem cannot be denied." — Reuter.

Israeli Troops Blow Up Houses

Amman, Jordan, July 12. Arab Legion authorities said here that a Jewish patrol crossed the Jordan border early today and blew up a house in the Nabl Samuel village, three kilometres within Jordan territory.

The patrol was said to have consisted of eight men who approached the nearest house on arriving in the village, opened fire and threw two hand grenades through its windows. The house was blown up a few minutes later when a time bomb which they had planted on the door went off, the report said.

The patrol then blew up a second house. It was said, but the occupants of both houses were away at the time and thus no casualties resulted. The men then were said to have returned to Israel.

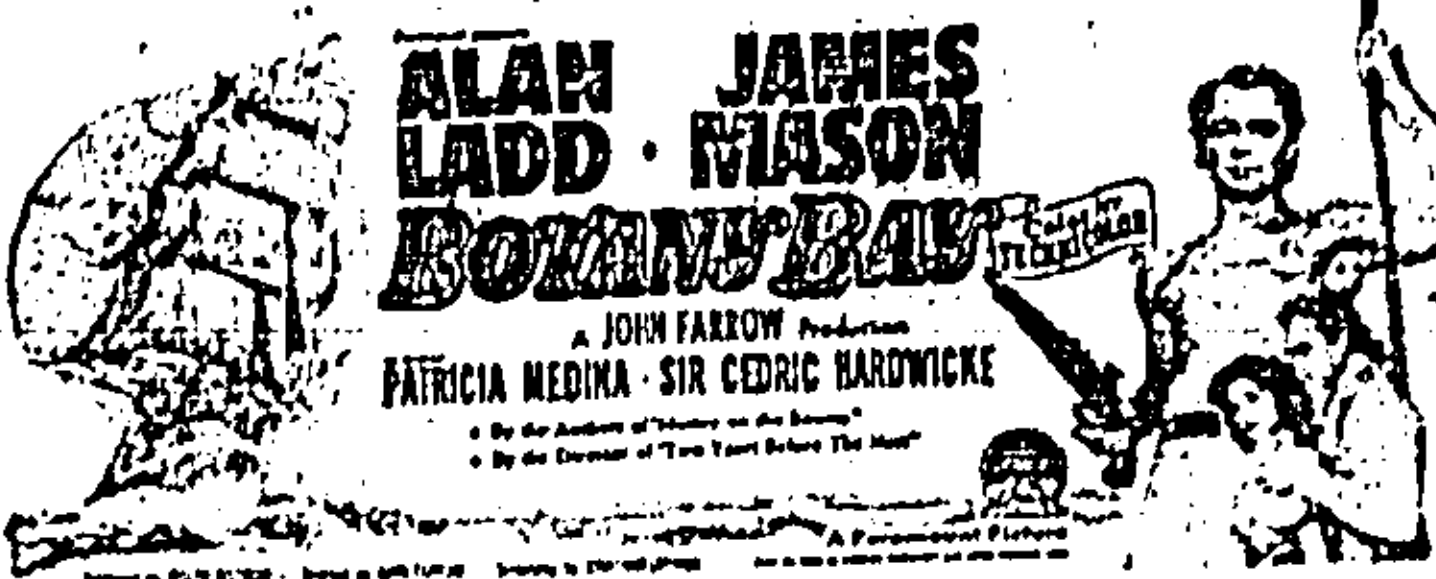
Arab Legion forces said they found near the two destroyed houses a live mine with Hebrew letters inscribed on it. — France-Press.

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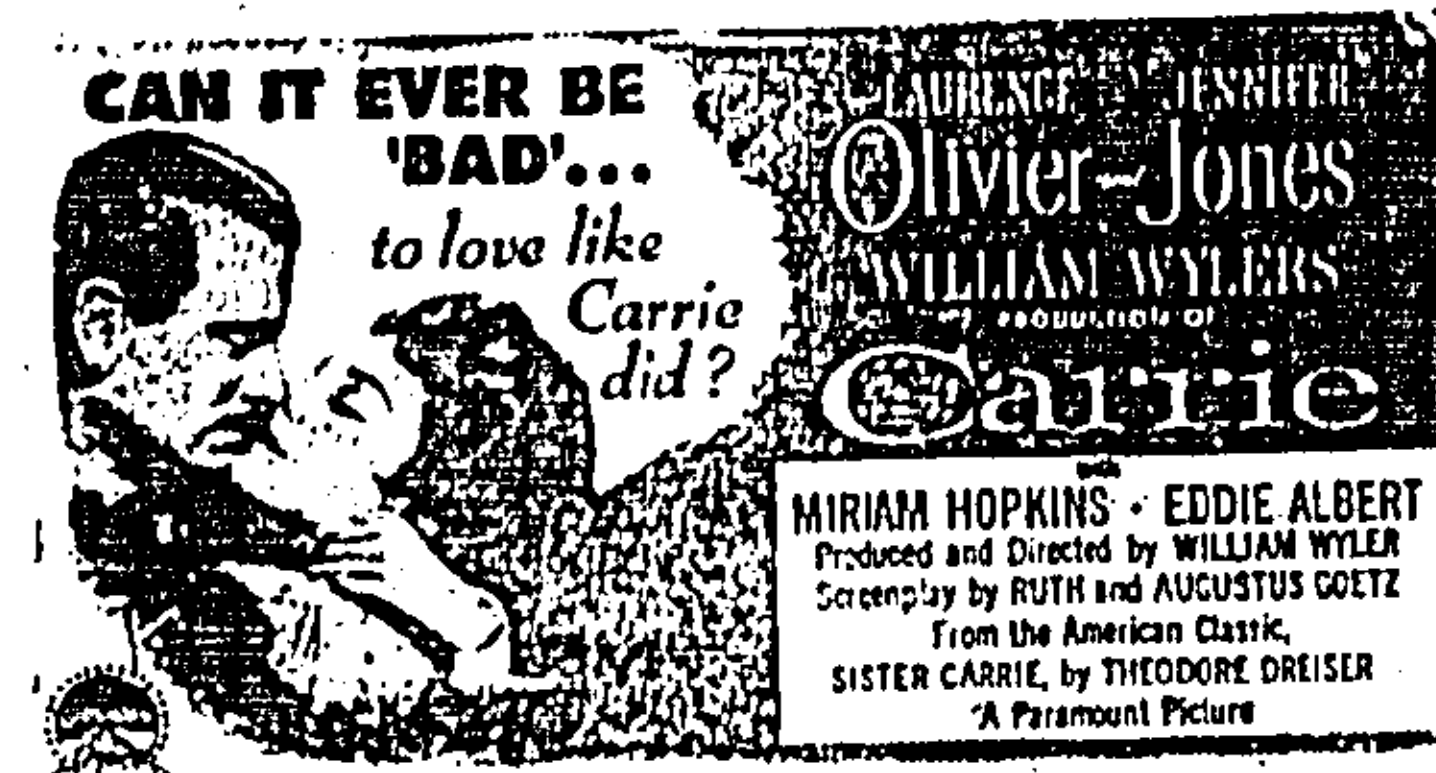


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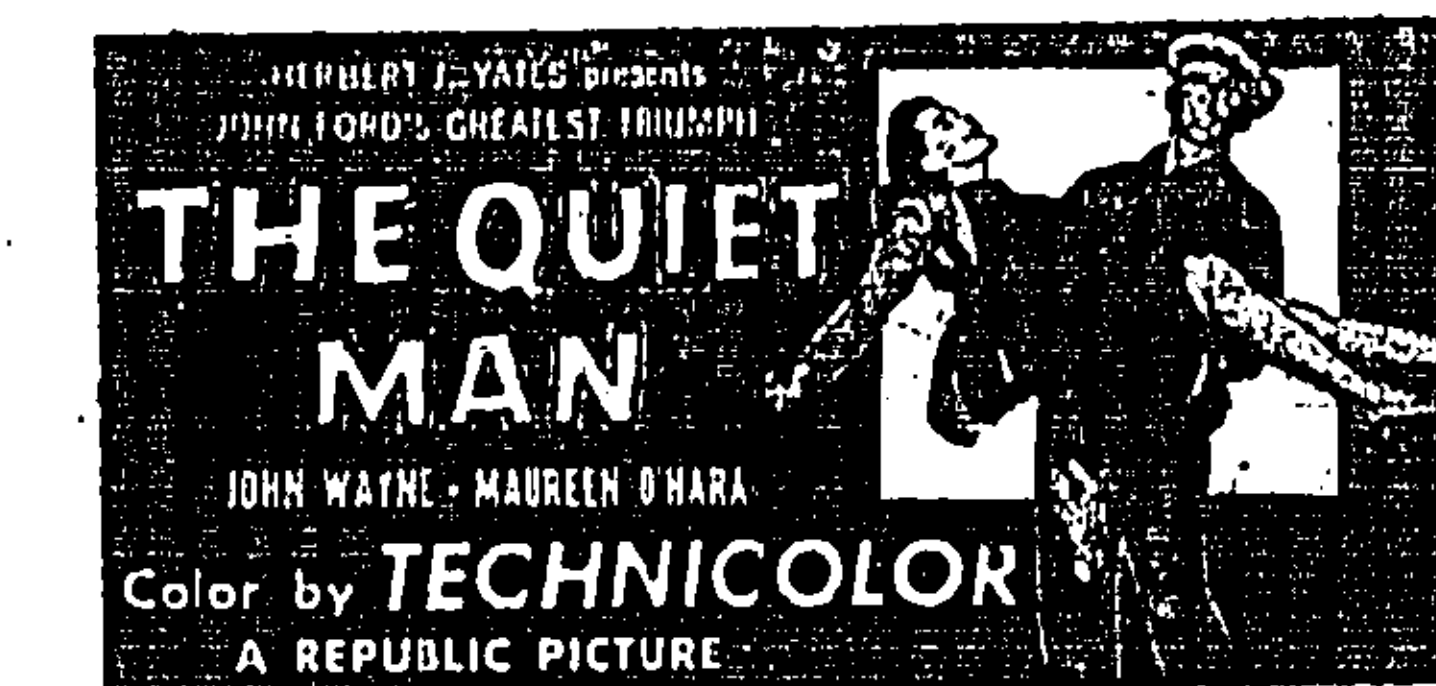
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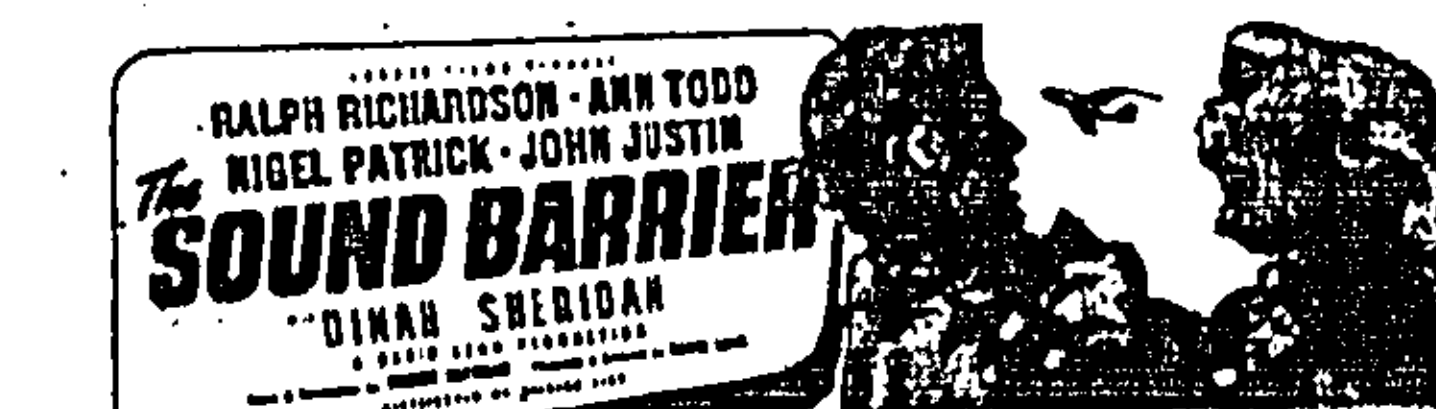
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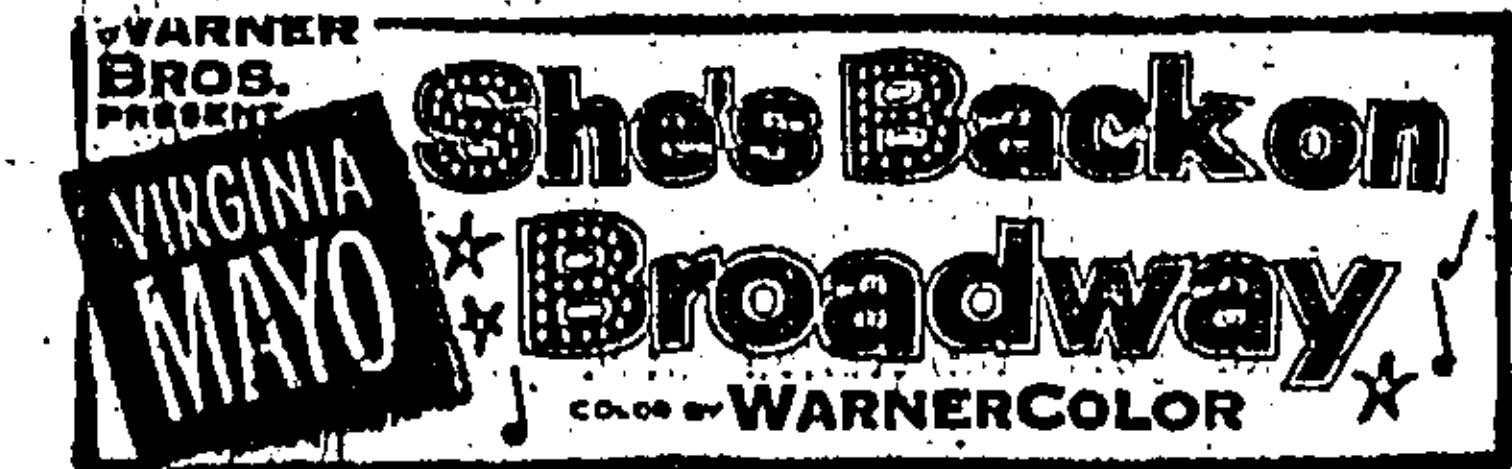
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New Soviet Ambassador In Austria



The new Soviet Ambassador and High Commissioner in Austria, Ivan Ivanovich Ilyashov, arrived at the Soviet-administered airport at Voeston in Lower Austria recently, and then paid his first official visit to the Ballhausplatz, where he is receiving honors with Dr Karl Gruber, the Austrian Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs. — Express Photo.

Urgent Need For U.S. Action To Offset Reds' Manpower Lead

Washington, July 12. The National Planning Association said today there is an urgent need for new United States policies to offset Asia's manpower advantage.

Woman Minister Performs Own Son's Wedding

Perth, July 12. Mrs. Maud Mary McDonough, 71-year-old church minister, performed her own son's wedding. Mrs. McDonough first became a minister in 1925 with the Western Australian Spiritualistic Church. A few years later she was ordained and was required to perform marriages in 1931. The wedding ceremony for her 40-year-old son Rolf was the 20th. Mrs. McDonough had performed. — United Press.

Rhodesia University Ceremony

Salisbury, July 13. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, is to lay the foundation stone of Rhodesia University this morning and will make one of the few speeches of the Royal Tour.

Princess Margaret has recovered from her cold, except for a slight cough which occasionally troubled her yesterday, and has rejoined the tour now due to end in four days' time.

A small body of enthusiasts began soon after the war to collect money for the establishment of a university for the Colony and a governing body is now in office with a programme of development laid down for the next five years.

Classes in commerce and accountancy are already in being. Sir Geoffrey Huggins, the Prime Minister, and Lady Huggins, with the Minister of Education, Mr. G. A. Daveport, and the chairman of the Agricultural Board, Mr. L. M. N. Hodson, will meet the Queen Mother for the stone-laying ceremony.

The University site has been given by the City Council. — Reuter.

Russians Will Dress Better

London, July 12. The production of high quality materials for clothing will be more than doubled in Russia this year in comparison with 1952, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported today.

Quoting an article in Moscow by the First Deputy Minister of the Food Industry, M. N. Myzhov, the agency said the Soviet people liked to be well-dressed and demanded high quality materials. The production of woollen materials was being sharply increased and there would be more high quality men's and women's clothing, fur coats, hats, etc., in the shops. — Reuter.

UNIQUE CATHOLIC CEREMONY IN LONDON

London, July 12. Over 11,000 people packed Olympia today to attend a Solemn Pontifical Mass at which 30 Dutch, Austrian, Irish and British Roman Catholics were raised to the priesthood. Cardinal Griffin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, conducted the mass ordination ceremony, which is said to be a unique event in the history of the Roman Catholic Church in England.

Those ordained were Deacons of the Society for Foreign Missions, London. The mass ordination was held at a specially erected altar which has been the centre piece of the Vocations Exhibition held during the past week at Olympia.

The exhibition, which ends tonight, has been visited by over 100,000 people.

It was staged by Cardinal Griffin as an attempt to attract people to the Roman Catholic Priesthood in Britain. Cardinal Griffin will conduct the closing ceremony tonight. — Reuter.

Cinema Girl, 20, Crawls To Rescue

London, July 12. Three floors above the audience at the Gaumont State Theatre, Kilburn — second biggest cinema in the world — a 20-year-old secretary wriggled through an 18-inch space to rescue a badly injured workman.

He was trapped between air pipes and purifier tanks. The audience were watching the thriller "Man on a Tight-Rope". The secretary, Miss Jocelyn Middleton, was typing in her office. Then came the emergency call.

Arthur Blue, 55-year-old filter, had fallen 15ft. into an enclosed V-shaped space high above the cinema ceiling. Jocelyn picked up a first-aid kit. On her way to the cinema roof she picked up wood to make splints. Alongside Arthur Blue, she tied her splints with old rags. Then she crawled back to return with tea and cigarettes. She stayed with the injured man till he was taken to hospital.

Japanese Textiles In S'pore

Allocation Not To Be Absorbed?

Singapore, July 12. Textile trade sources are almost unanimous in their opinion that the current allocation of about US\$13,000,000 worth of Japanese textiles will not be entirely absorbed by Malaya merchants.

Their view is based on the glut of the current market and from the past trend. Only the equivalent of US\$7,000,000 worth of Japanese textiles out of the previous allocation of US\$13,000,000 had been applied for by Colony merchants, a Chinese Chamber of Commerce source revealed.

The source said the actual import was only about US\$3,000,000. The source added that it was his opinion that it did not make any difference now whether the Singapore Government had a quota system or not as it could be clearly seen from the past that the same quotas offered again will not be absorbed in full.

The market at the moment is quiet and the source said that the importation of Japanese textiles is free as the amount offered by the quota system exceeded the demand.

MARKET FLOODED. A Singapore Chamber of Commerce source also concurred regarding the position of the local market and Japanese textiles.

He said: "Whether the quota will be taken up in full or not remains to be seen. My own view is all will not be taken up." The source added that there was a huge quantity of textiles in the Colony now and that the market was flooded. An optimistic view was taken by D. T. Assomull, President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, who thought that the position of Japanese textiles in the current market was "not bad."

Mr. Assomull said: "The Indian Chamber has asked the Government to issue the balance of the quotas because it feels that it will give impetus to the Colony's export trade."

Neighbouring countries have always been under the impression that because quotas exist in Malaya supply is limited and prices not normal. There is every chance that neighbouring countries might come to our local market in the near future." — United Press.

Marijuana Menace In Singapore

Singapore, July 12. Colony teen-agers are smoking marijuana in increasing numbers according to Narcotics Branch experts.

Distribution of the drug is credited to under-the-counter sales by coffee houses and bars. So far there is no evidence that the racket is widespread or operated by big-time peddlers. Narcotics Branch sources confirm that Indian hemp — from which marijuana is processed — is grown in large quantities in Thailand and smuggled into Singapore by both land and water routes.

A number of parents are reported to have sought "expert advice" because they suspect their children have become marijuana addicts.

It has been reliably reported that there have been no convictions in the Colony for smoking marijuana in recent years. — United Press.

STRIKE TALKS A FAILURE

Hyderabad, July 12. Talks between union and mine owners' representatives failed yesterday to end a 10-day-old strike by about 10,000 miners at the Kothagudem and Yellandu collieries.

Dr. Rash Bahadur Gowd, General Secretary of the All-Hyderabad Trade Union Congress, said the strike would continue until the men's demands for bonuses, increased leave and cost of living allowances were met. — Reuter.

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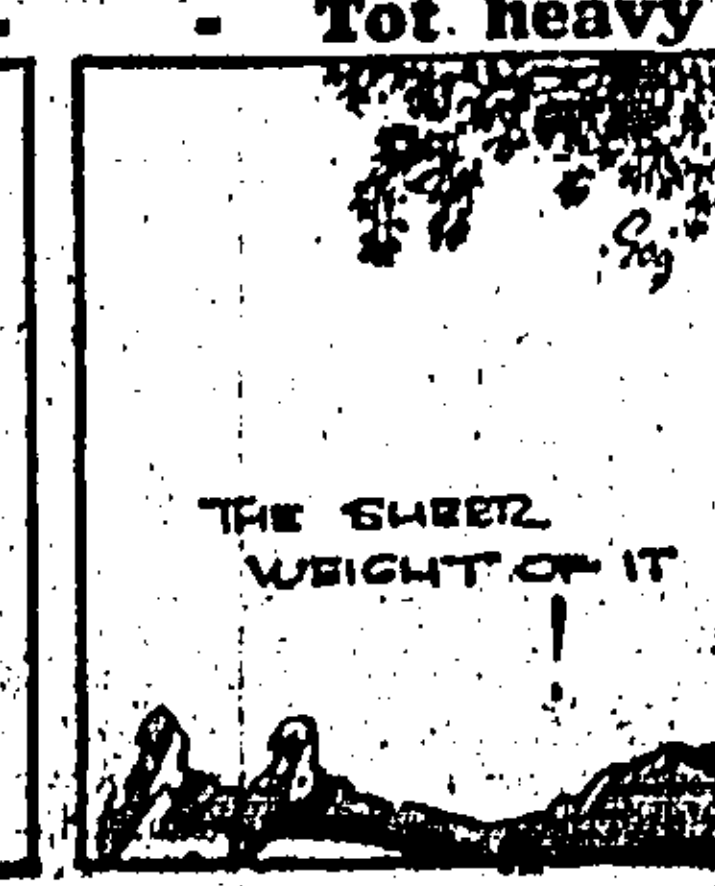
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ORDERS BOOKED



Malaya Chinese Want Share Of Political Power

Singapore, July 13.
Sir Cheng Lock Tan, president of the Malayan Chinese Association, said yesterday that the Chinese in Malaya must have their share of political power as their economic position may be threatened one day.
"We do not want to monopolize power. But we must have our share. Without that our economic position may be threatened one day."
On the other hand, he warned the Chinese that they must accept Malaya as their country. They must be loyal and patriotic and must be united among themselves.—United Press.

Malan Taken To Task

Sydney, July 12.
The Sydney Morning Herald said today that the promise of Dr D. F. Malan, the South African Premier, to befriend Australia in the event of trouble with India, was untimely and unnecessary as well as being wholly unsolicited.

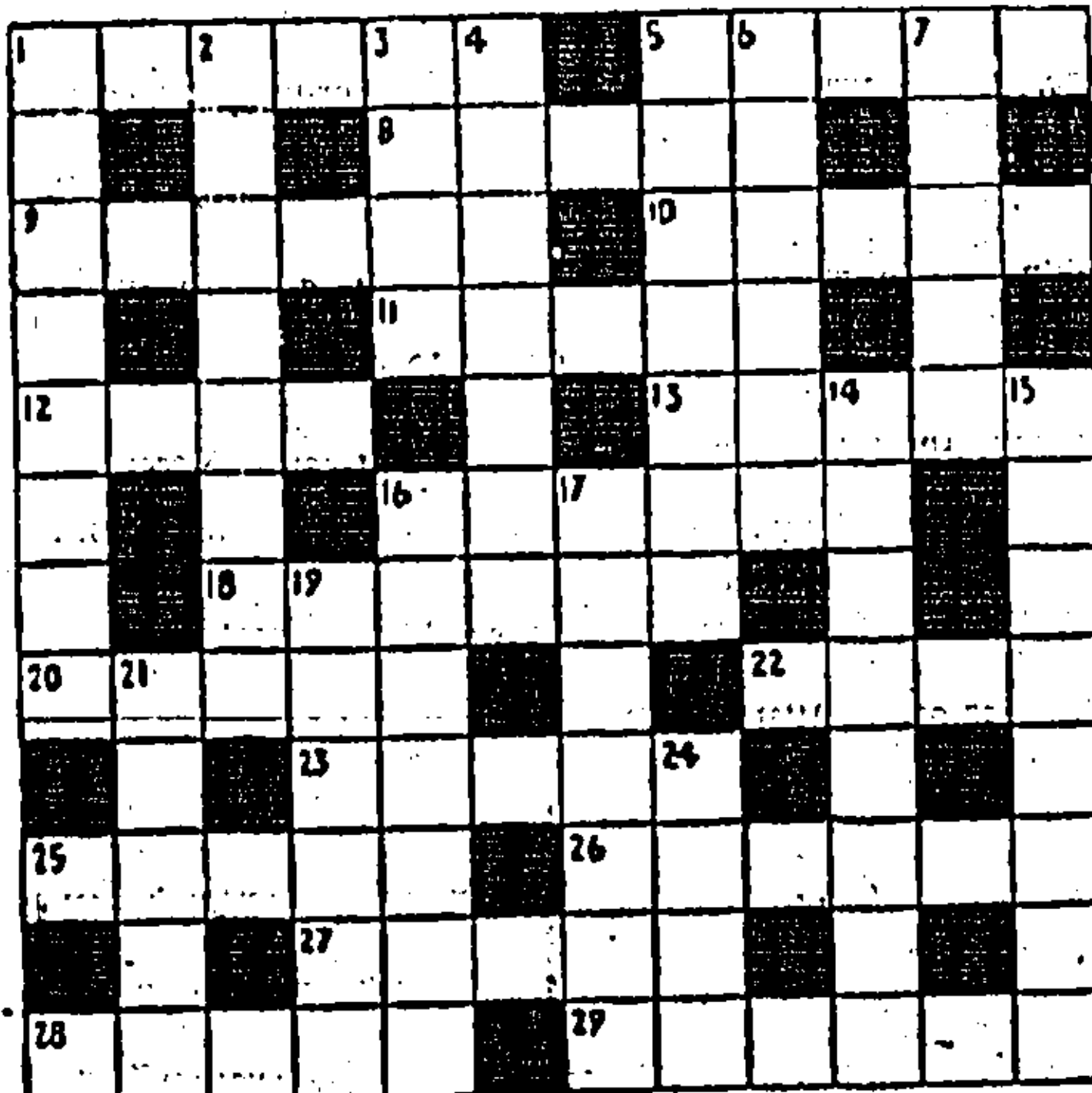
(Dr Malan at a luncheon given to Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, in Cape Town on July 9, said that if Australia were ever menaced by "powers in the Indian Ocean" she could depend on South Africa to be her friend. Ascertaining that Australia stood for a White Australia and had built an outer wall to defend herself, he warned that "the day will come when those powers will be knocking on the door.")
The Herald said: "Australia has excellent relations with both India and South Africa and has no intention of becoming involved in their bitter and deplorable feud."

"The Union Prime Minister showed less than his usual shrewdness in raising this issue at a dinner in honour of Mr Menzies, who must have found the hostile references to India most embarrassing."

The possibility of India's "knocking on Australia's door" in the event envisaged by Dr Malan was not one with which present statecraft need concern itself, the Herald continued.

The reasons for Australia's immigration policy were well understood in New Delhi, and Australian contacts with India in recent years have been increasingly close and friendly. Commenting that the grievances of the Indian minority in Natal are often presented to the outside world with more passion than objectivity, the Herald stated: "Dr Malan's right to answer this propaganda is unquestioned. But it could be wished that he had chosen a more suitable occasion to counter-attack and had not attempted to implicate Australia in the quarrel."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Country (9).
 - Balance (6).
 - Higher in place (5).
 - Walk clumsily (6).
 - Tug (5).
 - Boundary (5).
 - Girl's name (4).
 - Stop (5).
 - Boys (6).
 - German (6).
 - Exhausted (5).
 - Account (4).
 - Precautions (5).
 - World (5).
 - Occupier (6).
 - Rnap (6).
 - Church officials (6).
- DOWN**
- Educational establishments (9).
 - Name (8).
 - Private fight (4).
 - Fruit (7).
 - Blind (7).
 - Speaks eloquently (6).
 - Outcasts (5).
 - Prostitute the "in" (8).
 - Striven to copy (8).
 - Mumbles (7).
 - Bunch of ribbons (7).
 - Flag (6).
 - Portion (5).
 - Skin (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD Across: 1 Search, 2 Prison, 3 Rear, 4 Portal, 5 Order, 6 Summit, 7 Gist, 8 Spill, 9 Peace, 10 Stud, 20 Torpid, 24 Trail, 25 Valed, 26 Ewer, 27 Noisy, 28 Xmas, 29 Down: 1 Saps, 2 Air, 3 Crab, 4 Fictive, 5 Noisy, 6 Induced, 7 Morsels, 10 Tangle, 18 Spartan, 14 Gallant, 16 Settled, 17 Pupils, 19 Survey, 21 Fare, 22 Lear, 23 Aids.

SATELLITES MAKE MORE CONCESSIONS

London, July 12.
Latest change in Eastern Europe today in the direction of "milder Communism" was an announcement by three East German Radio stations that henceforward they will broadcast music instead of propaganda speeches.

Concessions of greater weight were announced this week-end in Hungary. Budapest Radio said a decree had been passed writing off the farmers' undelivered State quotas of produce for last year, provided they fulfilled the current year's quotas of wheat, rye, barley and oats.

Delivery duties of co-operatives are to be reduced at once by 10 per cent.

Quotas of eggs and milk outstanding since December 1952 are completely wiped out for all producers. Fines imposed for non-delivery of produce are cancelled.

This follows other Hungarian changes in policy under the new Prime Minister, Mr Imre Nagy, including more aid to farmers and liberty to leave the collectives.

Eastern Berlin began its self-criticism last week when Herbert Gessner, chief commentator, said the programmes were boring and needed a change.

A special commentator, Karl Eduard von Schultze, announced "in future, music will be heard instead of propaganda speeches, and amusing ridicule of our enemies will take the place of the wooden hammer we used to fling."

Another Communist radio surprise today was the absence of the regular weekly talks from Prague by Dr Zdenek Nejedly, Vice-Premier of Czechoslovakia, who gives an "events of the week" commentary.

No explanation was given to Prague's listeners. Music played instead of the commentary. Listeners in Vienna believed Professor Nejedly did not broadcast in order to avoid saying anything about the fall of Lavrenti Beria, Soviet Home Minister.

The Czech Radio and press have so far published the news of Beria's dismissal only in the form of Tass communiques without any comment of their own.—Reuter.

Admiral Mountbatten, accompanied by all the ships except the submarines, will pay a formal call at Istanbul on July 27.

The Indian ships are visiting Yugoslav and Eastern Mediterranean ports, and are then rejoining the main fleet at Istanbul.—Reuter.

"Dev's" Majority Down To One
Dublin, July 12.
Irish Prime Minister Eamon de Valera's majority in parliament was reduced to one with the death today of Frank Fahy, former Speaker of Parliament. The Prime Minister's party now has 73 seats against the opposition's 72.

Parliament is due to recess at the end of July and a by-election is unlikely before October or November if the Government holds out during the next fortnight.—France-Press.

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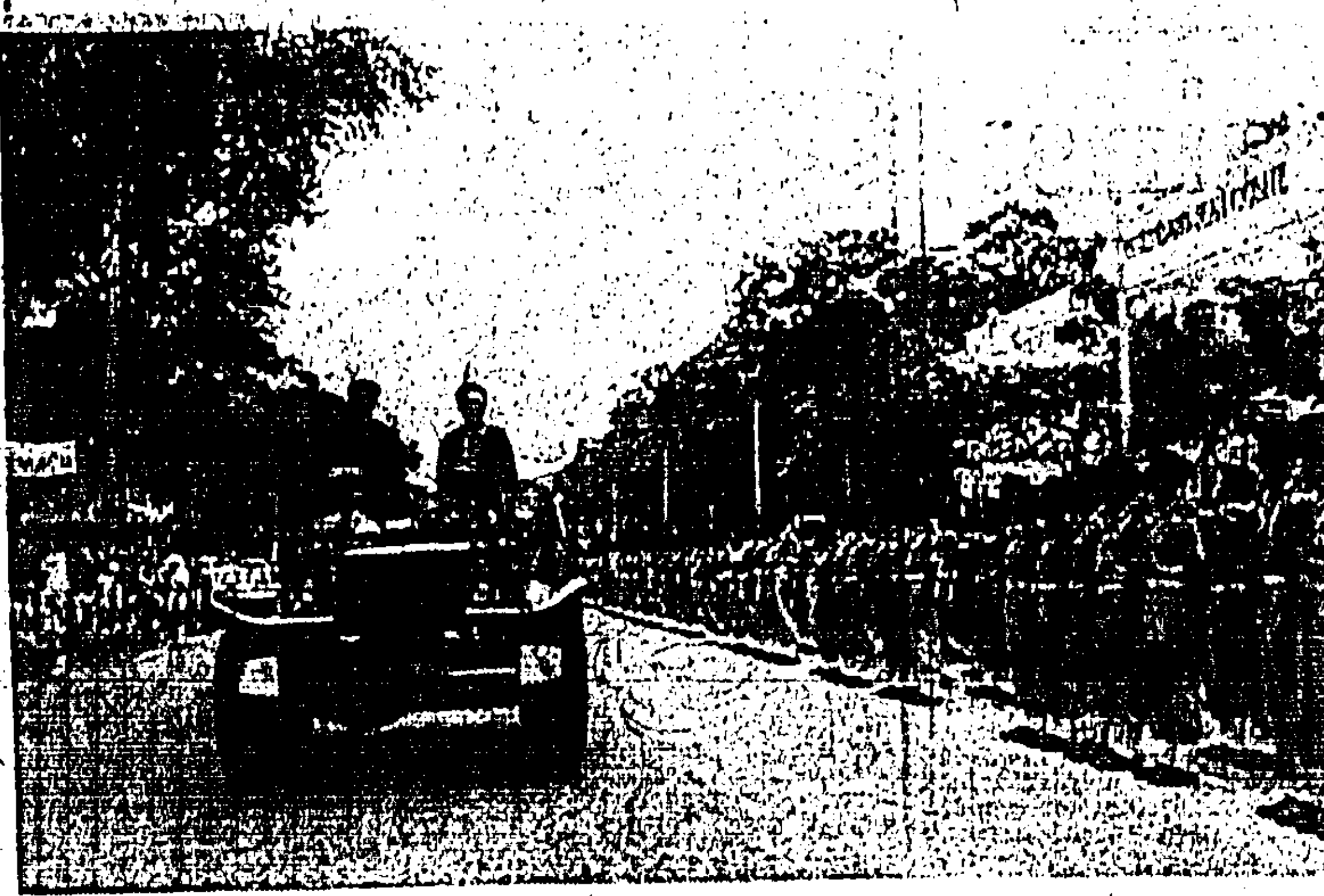
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Franco-Vietnam Ceremony In Saigon



Vietnam President Tam and Defence Minister Quat (standing in the car) seen as they inspected native troops during the celebrations of Vietnam Unity at Saigon recently.—Express Photo.

Change-Over In United States Chiefs Of Staff

Washington, July 12.
Admiral Arthur Radford and Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway arrived here today for top-level briefing and conferences before taking over as members of the Administration's new military high command.

Adm. Radford, incoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Ridgway, new Army Chief of Staff, are to attend a meeting of 100 civilian and military leaders at Quantico, Virginia, starting on July 23.

They also will tour with other incoming and outgoing members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff installations of the Strategic Air Command and Air Defence Command beginning on July 28.

Adm. Radford, former Pacific Fleet Commander, and Gen. Ridgway, who relinquished his NATO Command on Saturday, will take over their new offices on August 10.

Adm. Robert B. Carney will be sworn in at the same time as Chief of Naval Operations, completing the Administration's change-over. He is due here on Monday.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining became the Air Chief of Staff on June 30 succeeding Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

Adm. Radford arrived at the Anacostia Naval air station here after a stopover at Los Angeles where Mrs Radford debarked.

ASIAN PROBLEM
Adm. Radford said he agreed with Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther's appraisal that Russia is still strong despite disorders in captive States and the arrest of the Soviet police chief, Lavrenti P. Beria. However, he modified the comment to say, "There certainly is less Communist strength because of the riots."

He called "peace" the Number One problem of Asia. Among the high ranking officials greeting Adm. Radford were South W. M. Fletcher, outgoing Chief of Naval Operations; General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. Samuel Shepherd Jr., commander of the Marine Corps.

Gen. Ridgway told newsmen who met his plane at the Naval Air Station that he was "pleased to be here."

Mr Wilson has said that no major decisions will be made there. But the meeting is expected to be the first step in an overall review of this nation's military aims. Drastic shake-ups may result.—United Press.

Mediation Urged On "Big 3"
Washington, July 12.
A representative of the Committee for a Free North Africa, which urged the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France to a memorandum urging United Nations mediation between France and North Africa.

The memorandum was drafted by El Abdel Bouhafa, the committee's representative in the United States.

It accused France of failing to implement the decisions taken by the United Nations General Assembly concerning Tunisia and Morocco.

The memorandum charged that nearly 40,000 persons were "rotting in political jails" of Tunisia, that Algeria was "cut off from the rest of the world" and that fundamental freedoms were being denied the Moroccan people.

The memorandum said that "North Africa" might become "another Indo-China" if it continued to be neglected.—France-Press.

One-third of the students are women, who live in their own hall at Willemstad, a block of buildings opened two years ago. Nearly 70 per cent of the students are helped by county or State grants towards the yearly fees of 2185.

EMPIRE CONTINGENT
In their vacations, all students are expected to find jobs on farms, in market gardens or some other branch of agriculture.

Overseas students—the college's "Empire contingent"—come from Cyprus, Egypt, Malaya, South Africa, the West Indies, New Zealand, Pakistan and South America. One is the son of a Gold Coast chieftain who, after three years' study, plans to return to his country to improve farming conditions there.

College principal Mr Dunstan Kirkbeck, 40, who served with the RAF in the last war, was a wing commander and was Assistant Director, Middle East Supply Centre food production.

ANOTHER VOICE ADDED TO THE RED CHORUS

Peking Attacks On Beria

London, July 12.
The Chinese Government in its official newspaper the Peking People's Daily, joined in the attack on Beria today, according to a New China News Agency message received here.

"The Communist Party of China and the Chinese people express their profound wrath at the criminal behaviour of the traitor Beria," the paper is quoted as saying in an editorial.

It expressed "gratitude" for the firm support given to the swift and determined action taken by the Soviet Communist Party and the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet in "cleansing their ranks of this traitor."

It said the "Imperialist and Soviet elements" were unable to disguise their disappointment at Beria's removal as it has been "their dream" that the Soviet Communist Party might not take action against the anti-party elements who would thus be able to create a split within the Party.

It said that now the Imperialists' dreams had gone up in smoke they could only spread rumours. They called the "cleansing of a traitor" a struggle between individuals and said the Communist Party was already split and weakened.

The paper said that when Lenin and Stalin led the struggle against the "traitors" Trotsky, Bukharin, Zinoviev, Kamenev and others (these were all leading Soviet Communists condemned by the Soviet Government as traitors) the Imperialist anti-Soviet elements described that struggle, too, as one between individuals and said removal would weaken the Party.

VITAL LESSONS
"But the facts of history, on the contrary revealed the utter emptiness of their rumours."

When the Chinese Communist Party purged Chen Tu-hsiu and Chang Kuo-tao its enemies tried to distort this action in a similar way but in this case, too, history proved the wrong of the traitors, the Peking People's Daily said.

The action taken against Beria provided "vital political lessons" for all Communist parties. Vigilance was necessary as disloyal elements and careerists who joined the ranks of the proletariat camouflaged themselves carefully, and so were often able for a time to win the confidence of the people. Counter-revolutionary forces sought out the people.

The paper concluded by saying that an understanding of the Beria "incident" a strengthening of party unity and of China's economic reconstruction work, the consolidation of Chinese-Soviet friendship and the strengthening of the fight for world peace, were the tasks of the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese people.—Reuter.

The Government, he said, would pursue its policy of helping to develop them for the overall welfare of the island, and had no intention of making these industries semi-official once they were sold.

Governor Yui told the Assembly that the question of opening a stock exchange in Taipei to facilitate the transfer of stocks and shares was under serious consideration.

He said the Nationalist Government was determined to carry out in full the last part of its land reform programme regardless of difficulties.—Reuter.

Wild Animals For Japan
Mombasa, July 12.
A consignment of East African wild animals worth 29,000 left by sea for Japan.

The consignment includes two rare brazza monkeys, hippopotamuses, rhinoceros and a large variety of birds.

All of them were caught by Carr Hartley, one of Kenya's leading trappers, who in the past 12 months has sent 230,000 worth of animals to zoos throughout the world. The majority of them have been sent to Japan.—Reuter.

Floods Make 10,000 Homeless
Imphal, July 12.
Branches in the banks of the Imphal river have made about 10,000 villagers homeless and flooded nearly 30,000 acres of paddy fields in the Southern Manipur valley it was stated today.—Reuter.

NEW JAPANESE EXPEDITION
Calcutta, July 12.
The Nepal Government has authorised a five-member expedition to the Annapurna Range in the Himalayas to be undertaken by Japanese climbers, according to a Japanese news item today.

The expedition will include a number of university students and is expected to reach Nepal in September. They are expected to be in the mountains for about three months.—Reuter.



Sherpa Tenzing, who with Sir Edmund Hillary, conquered Everest, is seen here with his wife and two daughters, Tenzing, 16, and Nema, 14, on their first visit to Britain. The picture shows them surrounded by admirers at London Airport. According to a message from London last night, Tenzing is suffering from a slight bout of influenza.—Central Press Photo.

USE ZOAPY FOR CLEANER TRAINS

Ugh! These trains: does nobody care?

I SUPPOSE complaining about British Railways is akin to kicking a man when he is down, but here goes, anyway.

In the past few days I've been getting around quite a bit on the Southern and Midland Regions, my first U.K. land travels in more than four years.

schoolboys and TV has cropped up there. The B.B.C.'s late evening showings do not compete with work or prep. But there are great complaints that it is all the other organised hobbies, clubs, and spare-time pursuits in the school which have now been left high and dry.

Wanted: flair

HOWEVER much it may go against our national grain, we really must get about learning a few tricks of showmanship with which to face this competitive world.

I was depressed to read that a British "3-D" film system underwent a disastrous first night on Broadway. Everything that could go wrong did in the small matters of detail which can make or mar.

All the subjects chosen were shots from the dear old Festival of Britain repertoire. Who thought that those, of all things, would appeal to a tough and restless Broadway audience?

In contrast, Cinemas, one of the outstanding American 3-D systems, is put over with maximum showmanship. The very first shot is a rip-roaring job in which you seem to be hurtling down the runway of a prehistoric Technicoloured switch-back.

All the women in the audience screamed like fury the night I was there, and from the men there came nervous laughter. With that as a flying start, the performance never looked back.

Discredited!

JUST before a friend left Washington he sent me the following item, which might be described as coming within the dog-strokes-man category.

Not long since, the U.S. income tax authorities—very much on their toes these days, what with the recent unhappy scandals—received an envelope from an

anonymous source, containing 10,000 dollars in crisp new bills.

This apparently fishy circumstance set them on the trail and, through the bank which issued the bills, they were soon confronting the sender, a prosperous business man in his eighties.

He explained that when he started in business, all these years before, he kept his own books. Recently the worry began to nag him that he might have made some tax errors in his own favour, and so, to play safe, he decided to send in the ten grand.

A likely tale, declared the gumshoe boys. Sternly they impounded his books of 60 years before and spent nearly a week finding through them. The finding: the business man had vastly overpaid, and so his 10,000 dollars were returned to him—plus 5,000 dollars more.

R.M. MacColl's COLUMN

In its hand entirely? Doesn't anyone care any more? Some of the coaches I've travelled in were so thick with grime and dirt that I felt the luckless passengers should have been sporting miners' helmets.

Military men take steps to ensure that units maintain a smart appearance. In the toughest conditions, soldiers try to get in a regular shave and smarten-up even in the heat of the campaign. Their commanders know how important a hearing this has on morale.

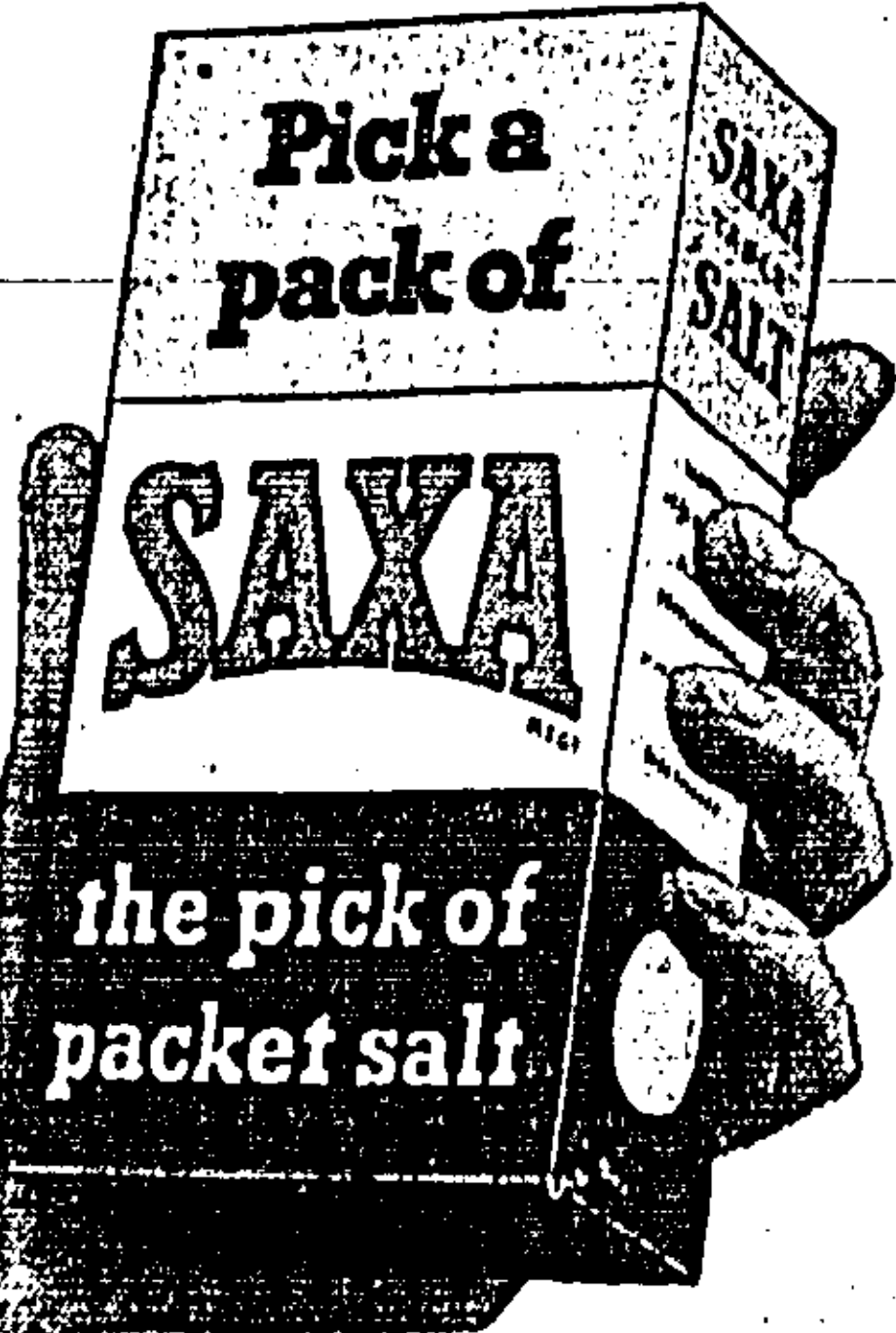
Well, if dinginess and dirt are the criterion, then the morale of British Railways must long ago have been mislaid on a siding.

Nor is it only the carriage interiors and windows. In the first-class diner on the London-Manchester run the table silver was so ill-washed that stains from some former meal were all too evident on it. In such conditions the menu charge of 8s. 6d. for a single glass of non-vintage champagne (you can buy a whole bottle of the vintage stuff for 24s. in London) seemed a jest.

Outrivalled

BRYANSTON, in Dorset, believes it is the first public school to instal a cinema-sized TV screen for the benefit of the whole school.

An unlooked for switcheroo on the usual complaint about



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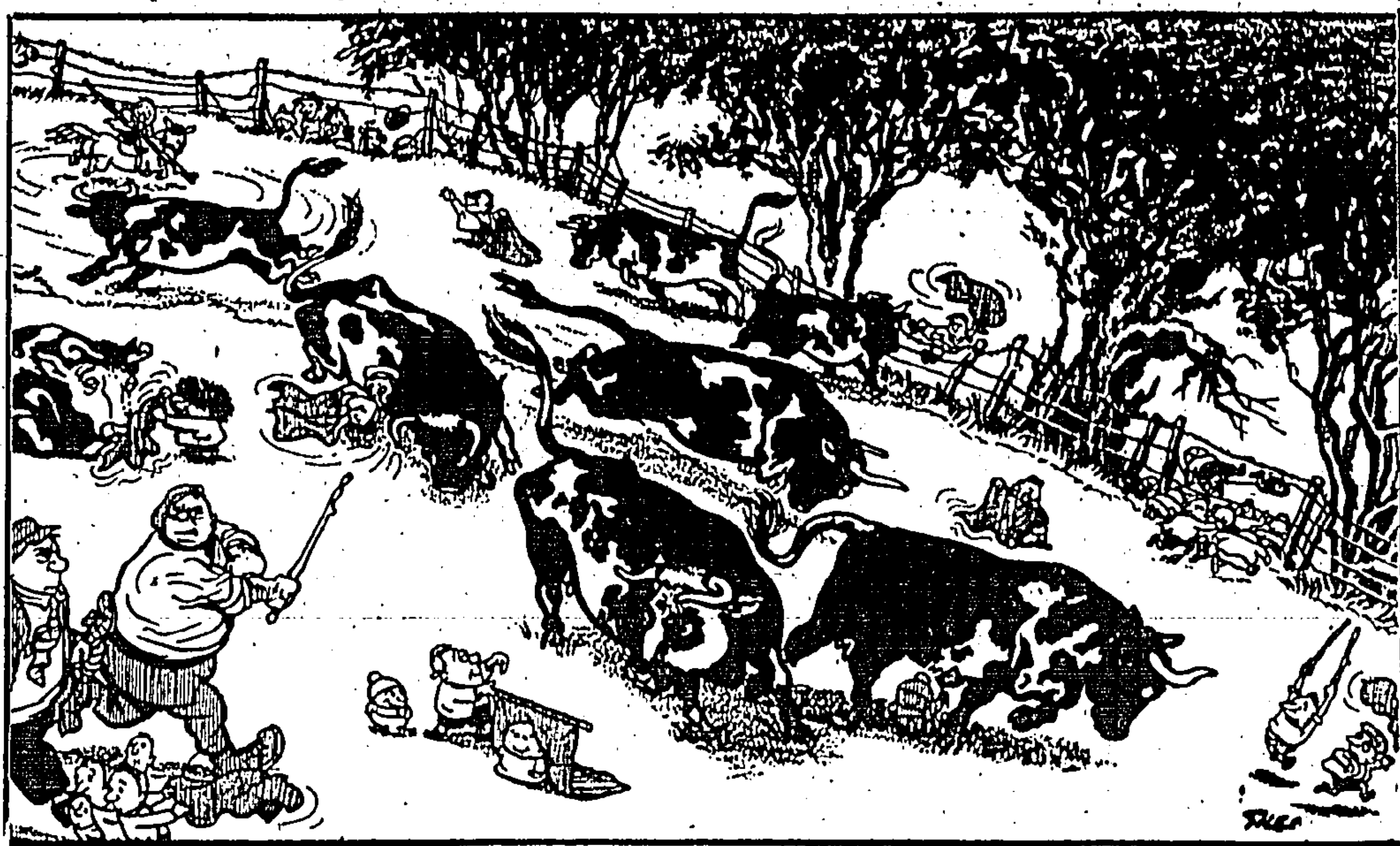
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IN LONDON YOU'RE AT THE HEART OF THINGS

By Beverley Baxter, MP

I SUPPOSE there are some people left in Paris, New York and other great cities. The entire population of the world cannot have moved en masse to London. And yet...

Why did I never know that my North London constituents, whom I have represented in Parliament for eighteen years, have relatives and friends in every country in the world, with the possible exception of Borneo, and that most of them are now visiting London? Their wants, as far as I am concerned, are simplicity itself. They only require to be shown around the Houses of Parliament and then get in to the gallery when Sir Winston Churchill is speaking. Now unhappily, Sir Winston will not speak in Parliament until the Autumn.

The public gallery of the House of Commons seats about 300 people, and this season about 3,000 people a day ask for tickets. Visiting kinsmen from overseas who appear to be 100 percent renders of this column, are pretty reasonable on the whole. They are willing to settle on a tour of the buildings, followed by an hour in the public gallery, even if Churchill is not speaking.

In my sleep

MY wife asked me the other evening if I was unwell and had better see a doctor. It seems that in my sleep I was saying: "This is where Charles I was tried by Cromwell and his friends. Just over there was where Guy Fawkes, the only man who ever had a practical plan for reforming Parliament, placed his barrels of gunpowder. When over a reigning monarch dies they bring the body here to Westminster Hall."

It is good to meet one's kinsmen from overseas, and even better to meet one's kinswomen, and I love to see their interest in everything. But you just cannot put an ocean into a pint bottle, and that is what we have been asked to do this year. Come again next year and the year after, when there will be more room. Britain is an island that loves to be visited, and we who dwell here are proud of the riches bestowed on us through the beneficence of the ages.

However, it must not be imagined that the Coronation fever affected only the

people from across the waters. The English, the Irish, the Welsh—and even the Scots, despite their resentment about the Queen being crowned Elizabeth the Second—have come to London in a great human torrent. If only I had produced my ill-fated play of 1942, "It Happened in September," today, it would be a sell-out. How do I know? Because every other theatre is packed and mine would be the only play with seats available.

Living Theatre

MORE than once in this column I have remarked that the theatre is perhaps the one institution that most clearly marks the difference between a metropolis and a normal city. The cinema brings the same films to the small town as to the cities, and television has created a democracy of viewers that is nation-wide. But the living theatre flourishes only in Paris, New York and London because of the density of population, and the traditions of the centuries.

Nowhere in the world is the living theatre so loved as in London, despite the pessimists who have been saying for several hundred years that it is dying. And, of course, when an event like the Coronation comes along, the London theatre is shrewd enough to ensure that its offerings are calculated to make some contact with emotions engendered by that great event.

Old Vic

ONE of the most cherished of our London theatres is the Old Vic, which flourishes on the unfashionable south side of the river near the spot where Shakespeare used to hold forth in his Globe Theatre. The Old Vic was run on a shoestring in the years between the wars, and it was a great sight to watch the cloth-capped Cockneys drinking tea or sucking lollipops while arguing with each other whether Mr Smith was a good Hamlet or a blasted washout. But in the last war Hitler destroyed the place and it was rebuilt with State funds and endowed as well.

Famous actors play for nominal salaries, and young actors without a name get their chance. Therefore it

was with more than ordinary interest that we heard that the Coronation play would be Shakespeare's "Henry VIII" and that Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh would attend the opening performance. Merely as a matter of routine I was sent the customary two tickets allotted to dramatic critics.

There was real South Bank hilarity as the audience arrived in immaculate evening dress, and the Cockney youngsters commented irreverently upon the splendour of it all. A policeman on a placid horse gazed imperturbably upon the revelry. Other policemen diverted the traffic to avoid congestion, but there could not have been less pomp if it had been a welcome for a local mayor.

The Queen

INSIDE the theatre, however, there was a distinguished audience—not so much of socialites, but of people who hold high place in the world of arts, wisely the theatre opened its top gallery, only to the "regulars."

Fifteen minutes after the audience was seated the Queen and her consort arrived and advanced to their place in the front of the circle. It is traditional to flatter royalty, but I must say Elizabeth looked fresh, young and sweet. She is still a girl although a wife, a mother and a Queen. Philip, who had just won his wings as an RAF pilot, looked fit and well, and managed to suggest with some subtlety that while he was the only consort he was the young lady's undoubted husband.

After the National Anthem (I wonder if the Queen ever tires of that tune) we applauded loud and long and then turned to the business of the night, the story of Henry VIII who sired the first Elizabeth.

It is not a great play, which is probably one of the reasons it is performed so seldom, but then the purists say that Shakespeare shared the authorship with Fletcher. However, an RAF pilot, looked fit and well, and managed to suggest with some subtlety that while he was the only consort he was the young lady's undoubted husband.

Local Joke

THE coronation of Henry and Ann Boleyn is not shown on the stage but we hear the comment of one of the actors who, wiping his forehead, said that he had come from the Abbey which was so crowded you could not get another finger into the place. When another actor, gazing at the audience while he supposedly watched the coronation procession, asked who that fellow was, on the horse, and his friend answered "Duke of Norfolk, him that wants to be called Earl Marshal" the

house nearly collapsed with laughter. I admit that it is a local joke, but then even London is a sort of village. The Earl Marshal, in charge of everything to do with this Coronation, is the present Duke of Norfolk.

In the interval Henry VIII was presented to the Queen, who had her own ideas upon the make-up and costume, which were based upon Holbein's famous portrait. And so on the South Bank we watched the rest of the fascinating family album evening, and then the Queen took her departure.

It had been great fun, and even the policeman's stolid horse flicked an ear as Elizabeth and Philip drove away to the still screams of ten small boys who were staying up much too late.

But we were not finished with royalty on the stage. The very next night we were bludgeoned by the opening performance of Noel Coward's revival of Shaw's "The Apple Cart" at the lovely Haymarket Theatre. Noel is still a great draw, and his first nights are always a glittering affair.

Certainly the audience on this occasion provided a gossip writer's dream. Here was the Duchess of Kent, for once rather drazily dressed, or so it seemed to my non-professional eye. Lady Astor, home from her bout with Senator McCarthy, was full of memories of Bernard Shaw. Claudette Colbert looked extraordinarily pretty, and Douglas Fairbanks, who has been knighted over here but cannot use the title unless he gives up his American citizenship, carried himself with the pensive modesty of semi-royalty.

Great Moment

SAM Goldwyn was peculiarly silent. Gilbert Miller was peculiarly talkative, and even the dramatic critics looked as if at any moment they might enjoy themselves. As for peers and peeresses, they were dotted all over the place.

And what is the theme of this 25-year-old play which, incidentally, I attended, in its birth when Cordie Hardwicke played the leading role? It is the story of an imaginary King of England in the 1920's, defending his throne against a rebellious Parliament.

With an utter lack of reverence, Shaw invaded the Palace with a satirist's pen, but in fairness he used the same pen with devastating effect upon the politicians. In the last act Shaw unleashed his great moment, which, strangely, is far more topical today than when it was written. The King, waiting for a showdown with the Prime Minister and his Cabinet, is visited urgently by the American Ambassador.

His news is sensational. The Government of Washington have decided to revert to their former status of British Colonies! The frontier between Canada and the USA is to be abolished. In fact, all frontiers in the Commonwealth and Empire are to be abolished. Americans and their dollars are to flow freely wherever the British flag flies.

The only concession they ask is that the King shall now be called Emperor.

Is it satire? Certainly. Is it prophecy? Undoubtedly Shaw's vivid mind was penetrating the future. Today America has permanent bases on British territory. Australia, New Zealand and America have concluded a defence pact without even asking Britain to send an observer. But what did Shaw's King have to say to the Ambassador? An emphatic No!

Shaw, the Irishman, was supposed to have despised the English, but that was only a pose. He seldom left England and never went to Ireland if he could help it. And certainly in the climax of "The Apple Cart" he puts into the mouth of the King such words of tender yet proud understanding that would move the most ardent English-baller to silence.

Word Music

THEY say that Shaw is dead and finished. It is not true. He will live when most of his contemporaries are mere names in books of reference. Only one other writer, William Shakespeare, had a greater sense of the music of language and its orchestration. Again and again at the Haymarket I found myself being moved to emotion by the cadence and colour of the words, for like all great writers Shaw could alchemise prose into poetry.

But the progeny did not end with Shakespeare and Shaw. The very next night there was the gala premiere of the film, "Gilbert and Sullivan," followed by a huge party at the Savoy Theatre, which was originally built to house those famous operettas.

I must say that theatre seats are not an ideal arrangement for taking liquid and solid refreshments, but we did our best. Sir Alexander Korda, the Hungarian who was knighted early in the war by Churchill for making the film of Nelson and Lady Hamilton, moved among his guests with a pensive, smiling melancholy. The Gilbert and Sullivan film had cost an awful lot of money, and it has yet to be seen whether the younger generation on both sides of the Atlantic will care a hoot about sailing the ocean blue or taking a pair of sparkling eyes.

Compensations

SO I return to the beginning of my theme—the part that the theatre plays in the life of London. On successive nights we had listened to Shakespeare on the South Bank, where he lit the lamp of his immortality, we had seen the cantankerous genius of Bernard Shaw decry the accusation that he tilted for ever when his body was lowered to the grave, and we had drunk the health of Gilbert and Sullivan on the very stage that saw the first performance of their operettas.

Yes, there are compensations in living at the heart of things, even if the milling crowds and murky fogs sometimes send one's mind phantasmagoric. The idea of a house on a hill overlooking a lake or the sea, where the majesty of nature provides its own cathedral and the immemorial rocks look with disdain upon our fleeting tenancy of the good earth.

MARCUS CHEKE, ARBITER

By George Hutchinson

WHEN a new Ambassador arrives in London, it is Marcus Cheke who welcomes him.

No traveller haunts our airports and our stations more avidly than he.

Cheke is a compound of courier and diplomat, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, and head of the Foreign Office protocol department.

In his protocol department, Cheke and a staff of six serve more than 900—the foreign diplomats, great and small, in London. They record diplomatic arrivals, departures, promotions, and compile a monthly directory. They ensure that diplomats have their privileges and immunities, they guide and advise in the lore and laws of England. They are the arbiters of etiquette, the masters of procedure.

For Cheke himself (salary £2,000 a year) the social result is formidable; he is incessantly engaged at Ambassadorial parties, at lunch, cocktails, dinner. I doubt if there is a diplomatic reception to which he and Mrs Cheke are not invited.

Of course they enjoy company, or the years since 1940—when he became Vice-Marshal—would have been unbearable. But they have suffered tedium, too, as Cheke has acknowledged in a confidential guide for young diplomats. In this, the Vice-Marshal addresses himself to John Bull, newly arrived in his first Embassy, and Mrs Bull.

"One of their chief duties," writes Cheke, "will be to be able to bore. There are always to be found at official parties some personages whose rank and influence have caused them to be invited, but who are devoid of social graces and consequently stand around in dreary isolation."

With the social graces, Cheke himself is shinningly endowed. He has a reputation for good talk. Pale-faced and tall; 40 years old, he dresses well but not fashionably, and wears coats with velvet collars.

He has a taste for writing, and published his first book—"Papilio," a novel—while he was an undergraduate at Trinity College, Oxford.

But young Cheke nursed a longing for Parliament. And at 23, a Liberal, he contested New Forest and Christchurch; 11,520 voted for him—but 22,122 voted for the Tory.

Two years later, in 1931, Cheke became a diplomat, an attaché to our Embassy at Lisbon. He served later in Brussels, then returned to Portugal. Impressed in the history of the Peninsula, he wrote two books.

And in Portugal Cheke married, after an engagement of three months. Mrs Cheke is a sister of Lord Roborough. There are no children.

From their flat in South Kensington the Vice-Marshal usually cycles to his office (though he owns a car). He has a lightweight bicycle of advanced construction. I cannot describe the requirements of engineering that distinguish it from lesser bicycles; but Mr Cheke can. He knows his bicycle as a courier knows his protocol.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



WELL OUT OF THIS BUNKER



Bobby Locke is well out of this bunker at the short 8th at Carnoustie during the Open Golf Championship. Note the flight of the ball—Bobby is not off the line, the caddy had removed the flag.—Central Press Photo.

Sports Roundabout

Soccer's El Dorado Puts Up Shutters

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

Wads of lira, fast cars, and a tree-fringed stucco villa under blue Italian skies can no longer be dangled as bait before the eyes of Europe's best footballers. The Italian FA has banned further signings of foreign players—and about time, too.

Apart from discouraging home talent it was robbing Sweden and Denmark of their best players and creating considerable unrest here at home. Tom Flanery, Nat Lofthouse and Trevor Ford all babbled with the idea of exploiting the El Dorado.

One Dane, sorry now that he fell for the bait, sat next to Don Roper at the banquet following the Football League team's victory in Copenhagen and trotted out several reasons why he wouldn't turn professional. Imagine the Arsenal player's surprise when on arrival in Italy with London XI, he met the same Dane wishing he had stuck to his original intention. Came the Italian ban and there he was—a professional with nowhere to play.

AMBITIOUS

Scunthorpe are promotion-conscious. Their manager, Bill Corkhill, former long-service Notts County pivot, was signature-seeking in his native Liverpool last week following a similar mission in London, where negotiations for Johnny Gregory, of West Ham, reached an advanced stage. Gregory, an inside forward reared in the amateur ranks with Hayes and Bromley, made 18 first-team appearances, last season.

Arsenal's capture of 17-year-old Roy Gouden recalls how they once contributed towards his illustrious father's pay packet without realising they had a Soccer genius on the premises. Len, who became the best inside forward in the country with West Ham and now manages Watford, was then working for the building firm which erected Arsenal's stands. He was, as it turns out, putting a roof over his son's head.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

"There's no place like home" is the theme underlying letters from Sid O'Linn, who is visiting his native South Africa for the first time in five years. Should this theme develop, Kent will lose a batsman they hoped to groom as a No. 2, and Charlton an inside forward with more thrust than most in the First Division.

Soccer fans who argue that present-day players are as good as those of yesterday should have mingled with the assembly which paid a final tribute to wee Alex James.

Here's the No. 1 of two, if not three, teams, one could have chosen: Alex Wilson, George Male, Eddie Hope, Jack Crayston, Bernard Joy, Will Copping, Joe Hulme, David Jack, Ted Drake, "Tooky" Duncan (Leicester) and Pat Bensley.

Travelling the world the coach way is what Eric Jones is doing. Jones, ex-Crewe Alexandra and

Brentford player, took on a coaching job in Brussels and is at present touring the Belgian Congo with Beerschot FC. He was formerly a Players' Union committee member.

CHARLIE BOY

So Manchester City beat Portsmouth and other First Division clubs for the services of Charlie Brodie, 18-year-old Partick Athletic goalkeeper, who played a blinder for Scottish Schoolboys against England at Wembley a year or so ago.

Sheffield United were tipped off about this lad, but presumably their TV screen version of his Wembley performance tricked them into thinking he wasn't quite up to sample.

In line for the Football League presidency when Arthur Dewry steps down is friend Joe Meas, Chelsea director, just back from the Americas with the FA touring party.

My old public-speaking partner Johnny Carey, always promised audiences he would retire before the "rot" set in. What a pity he couldn't have delayed his decision just another five months or so.

One more honour was being lined up for him—the Rest of the World captaincy against England for the FA 90th anniversary match at Wembley on October 21.

Next best thing would be to put Johnny in charge of the team.

Colourfully named Maltese footballer Publius de Manuele (what will Merseysiders call him?) has been offered a trial with Liverpool.

"Manny" might have received a similar offer from Derby County on the spot, if the ship's captain had refused to allow their vice-chairman, Jim Bowden, to go ashore at Valletta during his recent Mediterranean cruise.

Arrangements had been made for him to watch Fiorentina, the side in which Publius operates on right or left wing. Malta contacts assure me he is a box of tricks.

Would Trevor Ford regard Highbury as a move in the right direction of the journey back to South Wales? Could be. His parents live not more than five miles from Arsenal Stadium. Sunderland are still keen to secure Ray Daniel, and Bill Dodgin, junior, is just about ready for Arsenal's first team. All of which, circumstantially,

THREE MAJOR UPSETS IN SECOND ROUND OF OPEN RINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

By "TOUCHER"

Further thrills and excitement marked the second round matches of the Colony Open Rinks Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday as 15 rinks entered the last sixteen in the event.

No fewer than three major upsets were recorded, with an equal number of highly favoured rinks just managing to avoid defeat.

Biggest casualty was that of the current leading skip, J. S. Landolt, who with the Madras brothers and Francis Lee as his front men was eliminated by the all-Shanghai rink of A. C. Sequeira, A. M. Baptista, P. A. da Costa and B. P. F. Marques by 25-22.

The winners were in exceptionally brilliant form, while the losers, with the exception of J. S. Landolt, played terribly below form.

The No. 2 of the winning side, A. M. Baptista, was undoubtedly the key man of the match as time and again he changed the lead into his side's favour with beautifully drawn shots.

On a great number of occasions Landolt had only one shot stopping his opponents from a count

and had the winners, particularly their No. 3, played a little more aggressive bowls, they would have piled up an overwhelming score. The Portuguese rink took the lead from the opening head and were well up by 10-2 on the 6th head when a seven by Landolt's rink put them back in the fight.

THE TURNING POINT

The turning point came on the 14th head when with the score standing at 15-13 in favour of the Portuguese rink, Marques succeeded in trailing the jack about a yard with a brilliant shot to take a count of four.

Landolt and his men, however, put up a gallant fight toward the end with the score 14-25 against them at the end of the 18th head, Landolt's rink chalked up a three on the 19th head and a four on the 20th.

Landolt made a grand effort on the last head to trail the jack for five but was too narrow and could only get three out of the last head to lose by 22-25.

In the other two upsets, J. Chubb, J. N. Wong, T. E. Baker and W. Hong Sling went down to M. A. Baptista, A. F. Gomes, A. P. Pereira and C. C. Pereira by 20-23 and L. Gaddi, E. Furey, A. L. G. Eastman and J. McKelvie succumbed to A. A. Silva, L. M. Rodrigues, A. A. Remedios and C. A. Danenberg by 10-25. The three Omars with S. Aboo as lead were extremely lucky to survive the round after being led by four shots on the 19th head by the CCC Third Division combination of S. Y. Doe, J. Kitcher, P. Manson and I. McDougall. The last head was played with the score level at 21-21. Omar on

his last word was confronted with a count of two, including one hugging toucher.

A desperate drive by him burnt the head and a replay of the head gave his side a count of three.

The Luz brothers were strongly extended by A. A. Gutierrez, S. E. Souza, J. M. Gutierrez and H. A. Ozorio before winning 18-17, and so were the last year's winners, A.R.A. Rahman, K. M. Rumi, M. B. Hassan and U. A. Rumi, who just managed to edge out F. M. Silva, D. C. Alves, C. M. Silva and C. E. Passos by 17-16.

THE RESULTS Colony Open Rinks

At PRC: A. C. Sequeira, A. M. Baptista, P. A. da Costa and B. P. F. Marques beat G. Madar, F. O. Madar, F. Lee and J. S. Landolt 25-22; R. M. Alarcoun, L. A. Rozar, C. Roz, W. S. Masien and J. F. V. Ribeiro beat D. Miller, L. W. Bruce, S. Masien and G. I. Shaw 19-14; S. Telford, A. Banks, A. Campbell and G. Coles beat A. R. Abbas, A. H. Seemin, A. R. Razack and A. M. Wahab 23-20.

At Talloo: J. Goodman, G. Willerton, J. Hayward and C. Gough beat A. B. Kitchell, J. Kitchell, A. Kitchell and R. Kitchell 22-16; A. F. Noronha, H. J. Noronha, G. A. Noronha and J. E. Noronha beat C. Pope, C. Pile, W. Hillyer and K. Bodie 27-14; G. Hong Choy, D. Rossetti, G. Souza and R. Rossetti beat F. Urquhart, K. Mullen, T. Morgan and J. Kinniburgh 22-14.

At KDC: M. A. Baptista, A. F. Gomes, A. P. Pereira and C. C. Pereira beat J. Chubb, J. N. Wong, T. E. Baker and W. Hong Sling 23-20. At Recreo: O. R. Sadie, M. Y. Adal, S. Yusuf and A. M. Rumi beat J. T. Cotton, V. N. Atienza, W. C. Ogley and R. Basa 23-11; R. M. V. Ribeiro, F. G. Luz, R. F. Luz and J. A. Luz beat A. A. Gutierrez, S. E. Souza, J. M. Gutierrez and H. A. Ozorio 18-17; R. B. Browne, F. Howarth, G. C. Norman and R. B. Robertson beat C. M. Xavier, L. M. Nexes, F. J. Rodrigues and V. A. Neves 32-15.

At KCC: A. A. Silva, L. M. Rodrigues, A. A. Remedios and C. A. Danenberg beat L. Gaddi, E. Furey, A. L. G. Eastman and J. McKelvie 25-10; A. R. A. Rahman, K. M. Rumi, M. B. Hassan and U. A. Rumi beat F. X. M. Silva, D. C. Alves, C. M. Silva and C. E. Passos 17-16.

At HKFC: S. Aboo, B. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and A. M. Omar beat S. Y. Doe, P. Manson, J. Kitcher and I. McDougall 24-21.

LEAGUE MATCH

In a third division match played at KCC on Saturday, KCC beat POC 57-48.

J. E. Medina, D. B. Sequeira, S. Telford, G. E. Hanchand (KCC) beat S. Masien, G. W. Sling, E. Burns and L. J. McAviney 17-16. W. H. Cline, A. C. Tymball, H. Riddell and T. Lock beat D. Miller, J. Martin, R. S. Rosen and A. W. Hirook 20-14.

At Highland, J. W. Lee, H. Triggs and C. W. Lam beat W. Bruce, J. Caldwell, G. V. McGrath and Dr. I. Shaw 20-18.

The second contingent will probably leave on Saturday.

BATSMEN WERE UNNECESSARY

Archbishop Temple's School, Lambeth, won a cricket match recently without their batsmen scoring.

They dismissed Stanley Street School, S.W.4, for eight—and passed that total with nine extras, including a wide.

Eight Hours Of Rain At Old Trafford

London, July 12.

Rain fell persistently in Manchester for at least eight hours today and the Old Trafford Ground where England and Australia are due to meet tomorrow in the fourth day of the Test was again soaked.

The weather remained very gloomy, but provided the ground was not subjected to many more downpours, it was expected to be fit for play tomorrow.

The weather forecast for the Manchester area tomorrow was announced today as "mainly cloudy, with occasional showers." —France-Press.

Draw For Next Rounds Of Open Singles And Triples Championships

The draw for the next round of Open Singles Championship is as follows:

JULY 21
S. Yusuf v. J. S. Landolt at PRC.
G. Willerton v. B. W. Bradbury at HKFC.
C. W. Lam v. M. B. Hassan at KCC.
M. Alarcoun v. F. Francis v. W. M. McCall at KCC.
A. L. G. Eastman v. F. R. Kermann at Recreo.
T. E. Baker v. G. A. Gutierrez at KCC.
A. M. Omar v. R. Tay at HKFC.

JULY 22
J. Chubb v. J. Tindall at Recreo.
A. G. Coles v. C. C. Pereira at KCC.
R. M. V. Ribeiro v. L. F. Cosgrove at KCC.
A. K. Omar v. J. A. Luz at HKCC.
A. E. Coates or I. Kitchell v. A. W. Hirook at PRC.
S. M. Rumi v. R. E. Road at HKFC.

JULY 23
C. H. Gough v. G. Hong Choy at HKFC.
K. M. Omar v. W. J. D. Cameron at HKCC.

JULY 24
W. Hong Sling v. G. C. Norman at KCC.

OPEN TRIPLES

The following is the draw for the next round of the Colony Open Triples Championship, to be played off on Sunday, July 19, at 4 p.m.
R. Bass, V. N. Atienza and W. C. Ogley v. S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal and A. M. Rumi at KCC.
K. Furey, E. J. Kitcher and L. G. Young v. M. J. Divesha, F. R. Kermann and U. A. Rumi at HKCC.
B. M. Omar, K. M. Omar and A. M. Omar v. A. R. Abbas, G. Hong Choy and G. Souza at HKCC.
K. Nazarin, E. R. Marker and S. M. Rumi v. P. K. Lai, R. Tay and C. W. Lam at PRC.
J. Goodman, J. Hayward and C. Gough v. J. Chubb, T. E.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hospitality Appreciated

Sir,—In the sports page of your edition published Saturday, July 11, a very fine tribute was paid by "Toucher" to the members of the Talloo Bowling Club for the close co-operation they have given to the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association and players, taking part in championship games.

On Sunday, July 12, I had the pleasure of playing on this green in the Colony Rinks Competition. It was one of the hottest days I have experienced during a bowls game since I have been in the Colony. Barley water, lime squashes, and what have you, made little or no difference to the terrific heat—but what a difference that cup of tea and the delicate spread that came with it made! All served with a gracious and pleasant smile from the ladies.

On behalf of myself and all who played there that day, we give you, the ladies of Talloo Club, a very big thank you, and we hope to meet again and say it in person.

JACK HAYWARD.

WITH THE TROPHY



Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly after she had won the final of the Women's Singles Championship at Wimbledon.—Central Press Photo.

There's A Lot Wrong With Me Yet Says "Little Mo" Connolly

(In an interview with J. L. MANNING after she had won the Wimbledon title for the second year.)

First let me say that the final was the best game I have ever played. I'm certain of that. It was not the closest game in which I have played, but certainly the toughest. Doris Hart made it so awfully tough for me, but I was always confident that I would get a few points when I needed them and that I would win.

But I'm worried. Harry Hopman, Australian Davis Cup captain, whose wife is Maureen's chaperon, has taught me a lot, and we have practised for hours and hours together, but you know, my service and volleying are not good enough.

No, there's a lot wrong with me yet. I'll have to have much more practice. Three hours a day at least. That's what the British girls should do.

I shall be playing tennis for as long as I can plan ahead. There's the Wimbledon Vantage, then I'm off to Holland at 7 a.m. I go to Sweden after-

wards. Tournaments and hard practice. I still have a lot to learn.

NO MARRIAGE PLANS. I shall not turn professional. I want to return to Wimbledon.

Everybody asks me about marriage, but I have no plans. Perhaps I could look after a husband all right...with my backhand; anyway—but I shall have to improve overhead first!

It's so exciting at Wimbledon. This is where hard work can get you. I'll be back next year and I'll do my best to be a better player. There's room for improvement.

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE STANDINGS

The following are the standings in the three divisions of the Lawn Bowls League after Saturday's matches:

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	U.	D.	Pts.
Recreo	9	8	0	1	629	408	179	—	33½
KCC	9	6	0	3	597	483	114	—	30½
CCC	9	6	0	3	563	505	55	—	29½
IRC	8	5	0	4	493	445	48	—	25½
KCC	8	5	0	4	371	321	50	—	25
KCC	8	2	0	6	469	491	—	22	15
IRC	8	3	0	5	404	489	—	85	13
HKFC	8	2	0	6	304	554	—	100	13
Talloo	8	1	0	7	400	582	—	182	6

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	U.	D.	Pts.
Recreo "A"	9	8	0	1	651	441	210	—	39½
Recreo "B"	10	8	0	2	612	503	19	—	35
FC	8	4	0	4	487	463	24	—	21
KCC	8	4	0	4	490	560	70	—	15½
KCC	8	4	0	4	463	445	15	—	15½
KCC	8	3	0	5	431	493	—	62	15½
KCC	9	2	0	7	531	530	—	5	14
HKCC	7	3	0	4	340	463	—	123	11

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	U.	D.	Pts.
IRC	9	9	0	0	650	444	206	—	37
CCC	10	8	0	2	623	463	203	—	37
Recreo	10	8	0	2	640	507	133	—	34½
FC	10	6	0	4	627	571	56	—	27½
KCC	9	5	0	4	509	510	—	1	27
USRC	10	4	0	6	614	607	—	7	25
IRC	10	3	0	7	525	604	—	70	17½
POC	9	3	0	6	500	540	—	37	16½
HKFC	10	2	0	8	505	721	—	210	13½
HKBC	9	0	0	9	404	676	—	272	5½

CANADA WINS EMPIRE SHOOTING MATCH

Bisley, Surrey, July 12.

Canada won the Empire shooting match for the first time since the competition began in 1907 with an aggregate of 1,826 in the annual Bisley meeting here today.

New Zealand was second with 1,793, Australia third with 1,700, Britain fourth with 1,772 and British West Indies fifth with 1,716.

The contest, in which each country was represented by a team of eight past or present members of its armed forces, has been held only 11 times since its inception—seven times

at Bisley and four times in Australia.

Australia has won the event six times, including the last match in 1948. The remaining five matches have been won by Britain.

Members of the teams fired ten shots each at 300,000,000,000, and 1,000 yards.—Router.

THE GAMBOLS



Wembley Are Being Unfair To A Real Ornament Of The Cinder-shifting Game

Says HAROLD MAYES

Speedway has always thrived on something akin to mass hysteria. For that very reason it is only logical that some of its stars have built up fan-followings which Hollywood folk might envy.

Some of the riders who have gained acclamation, from granddads down to hobby-hoxers, haven't exactly been the sweetest of personalities off the track.

There have been others who have been true champions in every respect, whether they've been astride a revving bike or spending their leisure hours doing charity jobs "for free" which doesn't happen with every sportsman — or helping to keep the kids off the streets in the boys' club movement.

One of those is my good friend Tommy Price, a charming chap who has been a real ornament to the cinder-shifting game these past 17 years.

THIS COULD BE FAREWELL

Does this sound as if I'm writing Tommy's farewell to speedway? Well, it could be. Right now it's perhaps as well that he's suffering from a sore throat, which prevents him saying half the things he's thinking.

because he's pretty sore in other directions. The 41-year-old rider, with the black hair and the flashing smile, who, whenever I've watched him riding, has always put team considerations before self—and that's something you can't say for a lot of the present-day performers—feels he's getting a raw deal from Wembley.

He's transfer-listed because he didn't agree with Wembley's method of choosing world championship riders—and said just that. Tommy was left out because his points average was a shade worse than that of Eric Williams, who joins brother Freddy as a Lions' nomination. And he was expected to battle his way through the Second Division rounds.

Will he go elsewhere? Frankly, I don't know, and I don't think Tommy has yet made up his mind. But when Wembley have made their transfer arrangements they might easily get a shock, for Tommy tells me:

HE SHOWED 'EM

"After this treatment, I'm seriously thinking of packing it up. The game is wide open for youngsters just now, and I'm half a mind to get together with the boys and really teach them the business."

It's not that he objects to riding his way through the rough stuff to the top, because he's done that before. Back in 1949 he had to go in with the Second Division, but he went on to win the world title that season.

Since then he's survived a fractured skull on the track, an iron-bar attack from supporters of a rival team who didn't like his club spirit, and has fought back with the heart of a lion bigger than the one he's worn on his Wembley leathers for the last time.

For my money, he is entitled to go forward as a former world champion, and I only hope some other track snaps him up quickly so that he gets his title chance, because I think this latest incident will have given him enough incentive to "hang in."

At a time when there are too many old "uns looking for the chance for armchair rides, on machines they can't bother to maintain properly, speedway's decline can only be still further hastened by the departure of one of the veterans who'll always have a go.

Good hunting, Tommy—you deserve all the luck that's going.

A week ago I warned Patrick Gupta, Indian cricket's ambassador, that he might as well save his fare as come to England for players for an Indian tour this winter. Well, the advice has obviously been heeded, for the hunt for players has been called off here, and attention has now switched to the possibility of an Australian side under the captaincy of Sid Barnes.

Gupta, I understand, is south-bound to try to get a side together. I wish him luck, too—I think he'll need it.

TEST DIDN'T APPEAL

At various times I've commented on the changing pattern in cricket education—drawing attention to the fact that the old-timers were prepared to talk about the game and work at it all the time to achieve success, whereas many of the moderns were more interested in playing cards or getting away from the ground as quickly as they could.

I couldn't help noticing at the Lord's Test that one country was strongly represented by its players, but that the younger element was conspicuous by its almost complete absence. I asked the reason, and was told that they all had the chance of going, "but most of the youngsters weren't interested." Well, well!

Aga Khan's Filly Wins Irish Oaks

The Aga Khan's filly Noor, trained in France by Richard Carver, won the Irish Oaks, run over a mile and a half here today.

Smile, ridden by Charlie Moore, started at two to one. Mr. A. Hawkins's Fine Flower, a 100 to seven chance was second and the even money favourite Northern Gleam, owned by Lady Bury, was third. Eleven ran—Reuter.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS



Great expectations are written on the faces of the Recreio First, Second and Third Division lawn bowlers shown in the above group picture.

Although they suffered their first defeat from IRC in the First Division last Saturday and went down to the Indians in the Third Division, the Recreio bowlers hold a tight grip on the First and Second Division League titles and are making an all-out effort to be the first club to win all the three titles in one season.

This Seems To Be The Year For Athletic Records Which Do Not Count Officially

New York, July 12.

This seems to be a year for new world track and field records which do not count officially.

First it was Sim Iness in the Discus. On April 6 the six-foot-six-inch University of Southern California star threw the Discus 189 ft. 4 1/2 ins., more than two feet better than the official world record of 186 ft. 11 ins. by Fortune Gordien of the USA.

But Iness' great throw could not be offered for a world record because it was made during a practice workout, and the rules say a record throw must be made in official competition with Amateur Athletic Union supervision.

On April 13, Iness threw the Discus 189 ft. 8 ins., but again it was an unofficial practice throw.

The next man to break a world record and not have it count was Walt Davis in the high jump. Davis, like Iness, is a 1952 Olympic champ, and is getting better all the time.

He was at his peak for an exhibition jump in the national intercollegiate, and the officials were all ready for him—except for one thing. He did 6 ft. 11 1/2 ins., which is one-quarter inch better than Les Steers' 12-year-old world record, but surveyors then found that Davis, who is 6 ft. 8 ins. tall and takes huge strides, had taken off from a grassy area outside the officially surveyed plot.

A survey of the grassy area showed it was 5/16 of an inch higher than the take-off plot, and that 5/16ths came off the height of the jump, pulling Davis down to 1/16 of an inch under Steers.

It was the second time Davis lost a world record. Last year he did 6 ft. 11 1/2 ins., but one part of the take-off area was one inch higher than the other part and the rules say that the jump must be measured from the highest point, so he lost a full inch.

The third athlete to get a non-recognized world record was Jim Peters of Britain, who did 2 hrs. 18 mins. 40.2 secs. for the classic Marathon distance, fastest time ever registered. But there is no official world record for this.

REJECTED

London, July 12.

British Milie Champion Roger Bannister's time of 4 minutes 2 seconds for the mile at Hove Park, Surrey on June 27, has been rejected as a British Allcomers' Record by the British Amateur Athletic Board.

The Board, however, recognised Bannister's time of 4 minutes 2 seconds, set at Oxford on May 2, as a new British Allcomers' and national record.

In a statement issued today, the Board drew attention to the fact that it had unfettered discretion in deciding whether to accept or refuse to recognise a British Allcomers' or national record and could not recognise Bannister's 4 minutes 2 seconds record because the Board did not consider that the event was a bona fide competition according to the rules.—Reuter.

PIRIE COMPLETES A RECORD DOUBLE AT AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

London, July 11.

Gordon Pirie, 22-year-old London bank clerk, who set up a world record of 28 minutes and 19.4 seconds for Six Miles yesterday, completed a double at the Amateur Athletic Association Championships at the White City, London, this afternoon when he won the Three Miles.

His time of 19 minutes and 43.4 seconds was a record for the championships.

Pirie won by 15 yards from Fred Green (Birmingham) whose time of 13 minutes and 46 seconds also beat the old championship record of 13 minutes and 52.2 seconds, set up by Sidney Wooderson seven years ago.

Roger Bannister, fastest mile runner in the British Empire, regained the championship for the first time since he won it in 1951, when he beat Don Seaman of London by 15 yards in four minutes and 5.2 seconds.

It was the third fastest mile ever run in Britain and beat the previous championship best by 2.6 seconds.

Bannister, who already has faster times of four minutes and 3.6 seconds and four minutes and two seconds awaiting ratification as British all-comers records, was never really extended and hopes of a new British record soon faded.

Harry White, Britain's captain at the Helsinki Olympic Games, who is 31, won the 440 yards hurdles for the seventh consecutive time. His time of 52.7 seconds equalled the British national record and bettered the English national mark and the previous time for the championships.

Whittle had also won the 220 yards hurdles yesterday.

Pirie, whose double of the three and six miles has never before been gained in the championship history, finished today with a badly blistered toe on his left foot, a legacy of his effort yesterday.

After the race, he said confidently: "I think I'll get the world record this season"—Reuter.

RUMJAHN'S XI BEAT THE UNIVERSITY

The Hongkong University Probables lost to A. A. Rumjahn's XI by five wickets in a friendly cricket match at Pokfulam yesterday.

Probables	Runs	Wickets
T. Lo, b. Spink	2	0
A. Lo, b. Hedges	0	0
C. G. King, b. Yusuf Samad	0	0
C. King, b. Yusuf Samad	0	0
B. Dhabher, b. Yusuf Samad	0	0
B. Yusuf Samad, b. Dhabher	0	0
N. Peters, not out	30	1
S. A. Vassar, b. Yusuf Samad	10	1
B. Dhabher, b. Yusuf Samad	0	0
A. Low, b. Yusuf Samad	0	0
L. W. Run, not out	10	0
Extras	10	0
Total	51	1

Total (for 5 wickets) 116

The White House Has Put Eight Strokes On The President's Game

Denver, July 12.

President Eisenhower may do as much for golf as Babe Ruth did for modern baseball, but the White House has put eight strokes on his game.

The authority for the present sad state of the chief executive's game is old friend and fairway companion, Dan Thornton, Colorado's Governor.

Thornton, who's quite blunt about the fact that he'd rather play golf than stick around the State House, is one of the better amateurs in the Rocky Mountain area. His U.S. Golf Association handicap is three strokes—two, at Cherry Hills in Denver. "The President used to shoot in the low 80s, and was marvellously consistent," Thornton said.

"I'm one of the longer hitters around these parts, but occasionally the President hits right out there with me when he catches one right. Sometimes he tries too hard off the tee, though, and that trick football knee he picked up at West Point slips out under too much strain."

THE CLOSER, THE BETTER
Mr. Eisenhower gets better as the pin comes closer, Thornton said. His approach game is superb.

"Time and again, I've seen Ike take a short niblick or wedge and drop the ball within inches of the cup, from 60 yards out," Thornton said.

Before he turned to politics, the chief executive was deadly on the greens, especially within the 10-foot circle, Thornton said.

"But his putting has become jerky now. His card used to show 61 to 64 strokes. Now he'll shoot anywhere from 85 to 95."

Why does the President, like many men in the public eye, turn to golf for relaxation?

"Even a country Governor like myself gets people in his office all day long," Thornton said. "Just talking alone can wear you down. Nine out of 10 don't talk about the problems of government, either. They want to tell you what you can do for them, and how big their problems are. Imagine what it must be at the White House!"—United Press.

Joe Louis is still has to work for a living. The former Heavyweight Champion, who held the title for 11 years and earned a total of \$4,626,721 for title fights, exhibitions, radio and television appearances, is not penniless, but if Joe wants to live as he likes to live, he has to keep on earning money. He can't live a life of complete leisure.

Joe's chief occupation now is a vaudeville act which includes some light repartee and a soft shoe dance. Louis is far from being a Fred Astaire or even a Ray Robinson as a dancer, but he satisfies the customers. However, he has not completely forgotten the ring, and his latest business effort is a training camp for fighters which he opened a few weeks ago at Ulster Park, near Kingston, New York.

HOTEL GOLF COURSE
The place already has a small hotel and an adjoining golf course," he explained.

"I'm adding cottages for fighters and cabins for sparring partners. While I am on the road with my night-club act, Jimmy Asencio will run the camp." Asencio formerly trained Henry Armstrong, who once held three world titles at once.

Louis recently did his act at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, and drew fair crowds.

"I don't think about retiring from work," he explained. "I want to live comfortably and easily from now on."

One thing Louis has given up is his high-stake golf matches. He still plays golf, but not for the hundreds and hundreds of dollars in bets on each round.

"Usually when I'm appearing in a theatre I don't get out of the house all day," he said. "At the Apollo I came to the theatre at noon and stayed until midnight."

PUBLIC SYMPATHY
Louis weighs 230 pounds now and has to watch himself to hold his weight to-day—he could go up to 260 if he were careless.

Joe still retains his popularity with the American public, who rate him as one of the all-time boxing greats and who respect him for his work in helping the Negro race achieve varied greater dignity. Louis, the first Negro world heavyweight champion since the ill-advised Jack Johnson, always has been an admirable public figure since he first obtained notice. As respect for Joe grew, so, too, did respect and understanding for the whole Negro race.

Diffused with this respect for Joe is a real amount of sympathy on the part of the public, who know that Louis earned more than \$4,000,000 but has little left.—United Press.

Morea Beats Lewis Hoad

Noordwijk, July 12.

Enrique Morea, the Argentine Champion, beat the 18-year-old Australian, Lewis Hoad, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to win the Men's Singles title in the Dutch International Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

Mrs Dorothy Knodel, American Wimbledon Semi-finalist, won the Women's Singles title with a 6-0, 6-4 win over Miss Simone Schmitt of France.

The British pair, Mrs. Jean Rinkler Querrier and Miss Helen Fletcher, won the Women's Doubles final, beating Mrs. Knodel and the Dutch Champion, Miss Fanny Ten Bosch, 7-5, 6-1.

The Australians, Lewis Hoad and Clive Wilderspin, won the Men's Doubles title, beating Enrique Morea and Hans van Svol (Netherlands) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

"LITTLE MO" AGAIN

Stockholm, July 12. Miss Maureen Connolly, American holder of the world's four major women's national Singles titles, today won the International Lawn Tennis Singles Championship at Brastaby, beating Miss Julie Sampson (USA) 6-1, 6-3 in the final.

The men's title went to Budge Patty (USA), who beat Sven Davidson (Sweden) 6-4, 7-5, 6-8, 6-4.

Miss Connolly, Wimbledon, American, Australian and French Champion, was beaten in the Mixed Doubles final. She and Torsten Johansson (Sweden) went down 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 to Davidson and Miss Sampson.—Reuter.

HARTWIG WINS

Lugano, July 12. Rex Hartwig of Australia won the men's Singles title, beating Vladimir Skonecki, the former Polish Davis Cup player, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2, in the final.

The match was played in showers of rain, which once held up play for 20 minutes. The young Australian played a steady game, apart from lapses in the second set. In the first he trailed 1-3 but levelled at 4-4.

After Skonecki had taken the second set in whirlwind fashion, Hartwig soon settled down again and ran into a 4-C lead in the third.

Skonecki won the first two games in the fourth set, but Hartwig, whose net play and passing shots were brilliant, took the next six for the set and match.

DOUBLES FINALS

Miss Pat Ward (Britain) and Mervyn Rose (Australia) won the Mixed Doubles title, beating Mrs. Maria Wels (Argentina) and Bryan Woodroffe (South Africa) 6-2, 3-6, 5-4.

The Men's Doubles final between Ken Rosewall and Rex Hartwig (Australia) and Hugh Stewart (USA) and Mervyn Rose (Australia) could not be finished owing to rain.

Rosewall and Hartwig were leading 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, 0-1. The match will be continued tomorrow morning.—Reuter.

SELKAS WINS

Spring Lake, New Jersey, July 12. This year's Wimbledon Champion, Selkas, today won the Spring Lake tournament by defeating Gordon Mulloy, also of the United States. The score was 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.—France-Press.

It was an unexpected fight in which both men were cautious from the start. But Hainabedian was generally doing the leading against an opponent who was often on the retreat.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET STANDINGS

London, July 11. Leading Counties, with points, in the County Cricket Championship up to and including the series of games which ended on Saturday are:

	P	W	L	D	Tied	No Decision	1st Inn. Lead	2nd Inn. Lead	Points
Middlesex	10	7	2	5	1	0	1	0	110
Surrey	14	9	3	5	0	0	1	0	102
Gloucestershire	15	7	3	5	0	0	1	0	94
Surrey	14	9	3	5	0	0	1	0	92
Warwickshire	14	6	3	5	0	0	2	0	73
Nottinghamshire	14	6	3	5	0	0	2	0	73
Leicestershire	14	6	4	7	0	0	1	0	72

BATTING AVERAGES

	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	Highest Inn.	Average
H. Harvey (Aus.)	11	3	1221	242 n.o.	82.93
K. Miller (Aus.)	11	3	1221	170	81.05
J. Statham	19	2	963	130	50.70
D. Washbrook	19	2	1019	170	52.52
D. Berrick	19	2	1019	211	54.25
W. Edrich	19	2	1019	211	54.25

BOWLING AVERAGES

	O	M	R	W	Average
J. Bannister	206.5	89	804	45	14.60
L. Lindwall (Aus.)	220.5	79	609	45	14.10
R. Archer (Aus.)	220.5	79	609	45	14.10
A. Besser	207.5	113	967	45	14.22
G. A. Lock	222.5	113	925	53	15.90
J. Statham	202.5	83	725	44	16.47
H. Berrard (Aus.)	180.5	63	625	32	19.50
L. Jackson	201.5	87	651	37	17.58
W. Woolley	201.5	87	651	37	17.58
J. Laker	201.5	87	651	37	17.58
D. Ring (Aus.)	201.5	87	651	37	17.58

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Adlai Stevenson's Comments On Removal Of Beria

Berlin, July 12.
 Mr Adlai Stevenson told a press conference today that he did not think the downfall of Lavrenti Beria in the Soviet Union was "necessarily a cause for rejoicing in the West."

The head of the United States Democratic Party added: "I don't think you can draw conclusions from it, either for good or evil."

Berlin's fall might mean a forthcoming change in Soviet policy, he said. It may also mean a repudiation of something in the Soviet or a decision in the struggle for power.

"Obviously something is wrong when two out of a triumvirate eliminate the third," said Mr Stevenson.

He believed in negotiating and holding conferences "because these are the ways to peace," but "perhaps a little later would be the time" for a four-power talk with the Soviet Union.

Asked if he had noticed, while on his world tour, the unfavourable reaction to Senator Joseph McCarthy, Mr Stevenson said: "I am distressed by the injury to American prestige I observed from Tokyo to Berlin as a result of recent developments in the United States."

"My views on this matter have been made clear in the past. I may have more to say on it in the future. If so, I will say it in the United States."

ARREST INCIDENT
 He laughingly added that he was not nervous yesterday when the People's Police held him and six members of his party for 30 minutes outside Hitler's ruined bunkers, but that the police who held him were.

His group was detained at gunpoint when members of the party took photographs of Mr Stevenson standing in the ruins of the bunker.

The captain heading the seven-man Communist force warned: "If you move, we will shoot."

Looking cheerful and rested, and amused by yesterday's incident, Mr Stevenson said: "I rather enjoyed it. It was a nice day and while we were being held I walked around and looked about."—United Press.

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"FELIX ROUSSEL"	23 July	27 Aug.	Saigon
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	4 August	27 Aug.	Saigon
"VIETNAM"	23 August	14 Sept.	Saigon

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Outwards	Leaves	Arrives	For
"MEKONG"	Europe-Sailed	22-24 July	Japan
"COURSEULLES"	Europe-Sailed	29 August	Japan
Homewards	Leaves	Hongkong	For
"MONKAY"	Keelung-10 July	18 July	?
"SILVERDANDAL"	Keelung-12 July	18 July	?
"MEKONG"	Keelung-13 August	29 August	?
"COURSEULLES"	Keelung-2 October	3 October	?

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New Gold Mine In South Africa May Produce A Fortune

Gold worth hundreds of millions of pounds is expected to be yielded from a new mine which starts production on July 18 in the heart of the parched, dusty province of the Orange Free State.

Together with the opening last month of the Transvaal uranium plant at Daggafontein, the event will be the highlight in another year of peak prosperity for this fabulously wealthy country.

The new mine, Western Holdings, will be the third Free State mine to start production; two other gold mines—St. Helena and Welkom—started producing 18 months ago.

Work is proceeding on another ten gold mines and three uranium plants are planned for this province, once looked upon as little better than a desert. Gold, in small quantities, was first struck in the area in 1934. Then the rush began—and investors and prospectors made fortunes overnight.

Since those early days nearly 500 shafts have been sunk, most of them unsuccessfully, along the ribbon of the reef.

Today, the town of Welkom, centre of the Free State gold-mining area, is the fastest growing town in South Africa. The 100 inhabitants of 1948 have grown to nearly 40,000.

Where a few scattered farm-houses once stood, there are now housing estates, most of them built by the mining companies to accommodate mine-workers and their families.

Colourful names in the picturesque, romantic story of South African gold prospecting are associated with the opening up of the Free State mines. Among them are Sir Abe Bailey and Sir Ernest Oppenheimer.

When the 13 mines of the Orange Free State reach full production within the next three or four years, they will represent an investment by private enterprise of more than £100,000,000.

As one of the country's richest gold-mines this will be a major contributory factor in what Mr. Frank Neill, president of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, recently described as "the coming unprecedented period of prosperity for South Africa."

And its opening will represent the most significant act in the romantic drama which is transforming the treeless stretches of the Orange Free State into a new Goldland.

Britain Believed To Be Heading For New Round Of Inflation

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Those who believe Britain is heading for a new round of inflation have found support for their arguments in the latest Board of Trade figures for retail sales.

HIGHLIGHTS OF U.S. BUSINESS

New York, July 12. Automobile: Ward's Automotive Report—output of cars, buses and trucks in the U.S. and Canada last week estimated at 160,808 units, compared with 140,481 (revised) the week before.

Banking: Federal Reserve—week ended July 11, member bank, commercial, industrial and agricultural loans in 14 leading cities totaled \$22,585,000,000. Gold reserve, \$22,430,000,000; excess reserves were estimated at \$651,000,000; money in circulation, \$30,219,000,000; holding of U.S. government securities, \$24,004,000,000; ratio 45.5 per cent.

Carloading: Association of American Railroads—week ended July 4, 670,232.

Coal: National Coal Association—week ended July 4, 1,675,000 tons, (reflecting summer vacation).

Construction: Engineering News-Record—week ended July 8, civil engineering awards \$101,026,000.

Electricity: Edison Electric Institute—week ended July 4, output, 7,970,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Failures: Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.—week ended July 2, business failures totaled 189.

Index: Production—Standard & Poor's industrial production index last week estimated at 230.0 per cent of the 1935-39 average, compared with 237.02 (revised) in the week before. Moody's Investors Service index of business activity in the week ended July 4, was at 239.3 per cent; Barron's index, adjusted for long term industry and population growth, in the week ended July 4, 112.3 per cent of the 1925-39 average.

Oil: Production—American Petroleum Institute—week ended July 4, gasoline, 24,044,000 bbls; crude oil, 6,451,000 bbls; distillate light fuel oil, 10,457,000.—United Press.

OUTPUT OF NATURAL RUBBER

Washington, July 12. The Commerce Department announced that world production of natural rubber totaled 142,500 long tons in the month of May bringing the cumulative total for the first five months of 1953 to 692,500 long tons.

The figures were estimates of the Secretariat of the International study group. The five months total for 1952 was 727,500 tons.

World consumption of natural rubber in May 1953 was estimated at 120,000 tons with the five months consumption total 607,500 tons, compared with 620,000 tons in the corresponding period of 1952.

Estimated imports of natural rubber into Russia and China totaled 12,250 tons in May 1953; 68,500 tons in January-May 1953; and 72,500 tons in January-May 1952.

Imports of natural rubber into the United States amounted to 60,125 tons in May 1953, 255,711 tons in the first half five months of this year, and 287,044 tons in the corresponding period of 1952. Latex included in these figures amounted to 5,674 tons in May 1953.—United Press.

Rouble Stories Are Denied

Moscow. Arseniy Zverev, the Russian Finance Minister, has described rumours of forthcoming Soviet currency reforms as "without foundation, false and harmful."

"Rumours about coming monetary reforms, which have circulated among part of the population in recent times, are devoid of any foundation," he stated.

The purchasing power of the Soviet rouble had doubled in the last five years, he said.

"A 15,000 million rouble State lottery loan, which was recently opened to the public, has been oversubscribed by 343 million roubles. Mr. Zverev announced that no more subscriptions would be accepted.—Reuter.

The company is pushing plans to give technical assistance to Acheh Mining and to import its petroleum from Sumatra.

Approached by the Indonesian firm, the Acheh Mining Company of Indonesia, on the joint project, the Japanese firm has decided to send a five-man inspection team to Indonesia as soon as clearance is given.

The Japan Mining Company is drawing up plans for a joint Japan-Indonesia development of oilfields in Northern Sumatra.

Huge Deficit Forecast In Washington

Washington. A U.S. Administration official has stated that the United States Government is expected to wind up the present fiscal year on June 30 about \$500 million dollars in deficit. This would be about \$500 million dollars more than former President Truman estimated in his January budget.

The same high official, looking ahead to the next 12 months, said it was going to be "very difficult to avoid the deficit."

Despite the Eisenhower Government's "no deficit money" stand, the Government would still be spending much more than it took in, and that might lead to new general price rises.—Reuter.

Slump Hits Financial Position Of Ceylon

Ceylon, whose 25,000 square miles give her an area of just under one-third the size of Britain, has a history stretching back to those early colonists from India's Gangetic territory, who settled in Ceylon about the year 550 B.C. She also has some essentially modern problems in respect of national finance.

Ironically, until a couple of years or so ago, Ceylon was enjoying an unusually affluent spell of prosperity—based on exports of her three staple products: tea, coconuts and rubber.

These were selling like hot-cakes in the world's markets—and with the proceeds, Ceylon bought machinery and other goods.

Her purchases were almost entirely foodstuffs—especially rice—of which she herself stood in considerable need.

Then a slump in the prices paid for her three main exports seriously upset the balance of her national income and expenditure. The reduced earnings from her own crops left her with an uncomfortably small margin with which to buy the food crops of other countries.

It looked as if she might have to tighten her belt for an indefinitely protracted period.

But there was an alternative, which Ceylon was swift to spot. That was the scientific agricultural development of her fertile land and the adoption of modern methods of cultivation in place of centuries-old, but less effective, practices. Here, an outpost of the oil industry was able to give help.

Not only could it advise on the obvious means of increasing acreage output—such as use of mechanised implements, as tractors, in place of buffalo-power—but it could also advise on the use of fertilisers, soil stimulants and other similar products which could help add to the harvest of the fields. And Ceylon is taking advantage of this on-the-spot expert assistance to go to work on the land with a will.

With this active co-operation of the oil men and other experts she is setting about completely re-modelling her agricultural system.

If and when all the proposed innovations and improvements are completed, Ceylon may be able to contemplate world fluctuations in raw material and commodity prices with present more equanimity than with present. Then, they will not have such an acute bearing upon her ability to fill her larder. She will be doing this to a greater degree for herself.

1,000 Thrown Out Of Work

Singapore, July 12. The lessening imports of slab rubber from Indonesia for Chinese re-milling factories in the Colony have resulted in about 1,000 workers becoming jobless, according to informed sources.

A Singapore Rubber Trade Association source said that the importation of slabs is at present uneconomical because of the high duty imposed by Indonesia plus foreign exchange difficulties.

Four of the 11 Chinese re-milling plants established in the Colony are reported to have closed down completely while the remaining seven are operating on about 80 per cent of capacity. The SRTA official pointed out that the factories which have shut down are being closed only on a temporary basis.

The idle workers, besides re-mill employees, include weighing hands, stevedores and barge and lightermen employed by dealers.—United Press.

Conversion Offer To Holders Of War Bond Issue

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, July 12. The big news in the gilt-edged market last week was the Government's conversion offer to holders of the £810 million of 2½ per cent National War Bonds, 1952-54.

This stock may be converted at par into National War Bonds, 1954-56, between now and September 1.

Announcement of this conversion offer has been welcomed by those who had not expected the operation until later in the year.

The slow-motion refunding of the Government's war bonds has set the market guessing. Both the timing and terms of the conversion suggest to some observers that interest rates are likely to fall over the next few years.

The conversion has one drawback for overseas holders of maturing War Bonds—the interest on it is tax-free whereas that on later stock is not.

But, as the bulk of the 1952-54 stock is held by Government departments and banks, the authorities will not be called upon to find much money for those who do not wish to convert.

Gilt-edged stocks improved on the announcement of the conversion, due to the belief that with this operation out of the way there will be more scope for a further rise of prices.

NEW ISSUE
 The new issue market appears to approve the terms of the forthcoming debenture issue by English Electric—makers of the famous Canberra jet bomber and electric household appliances.

A total of £2,500,000 of 4½ per cent debenture stock is offered at a price of £87½.

The company is also raising £4,000,000 by a one-for-three rights issue of ordinary shares at 40/6d a share.

This caused the shares to fall from 57½ to 54½ at which price "rights" are worth about 1/5d.

MORE ACTIVITY
 There has been more activity than of late in the industrial share market. The demand has been heaviest in the textile sector where shares in both cotton and woolen companies have improved.

Rayon shares also attracted buyers after Courtauld's statement that production is now back to mid-1951 levels.

Heavy engineering shares remained friendless but plastics, a long-neglected group, showed signs of revival.

In the commodity share markets, oils attracted renewed interest on the increased petrol prices, and tea and tin improved on Australian buying.

Reform Of Industry Essential

Paris, July 12. The European cotton industry—especially France's—must be reorganised if progress is to be made toward a single unified market, according to cotton manufacturers in a report today.

However, the report calls attention to the general difficulties of the textile industry and concludes that a single European cotton market would not work in present.

Coming after similar hesitations by working on a Europe-wide agricultural "pool," the report indicated that the Schuman Plan had authority, Jean Monnet, was over-optimistic in recent statements that unification of European industry was on the way.

To keep a healthy balance, the French industry must export about one-third of its cotton goods. Under the tentative plan, other European nations, possibly including Great Britain, would have to be provided with similar proportion. This would not, however, help the unemployment problem common to the industry in most nations, the report added.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per £1) 6.02; sterling note (per £1) 15.23; Indonesian guilders (per 100) 15.23; siam ticals (per 100) 22.50; Singapore (Straits) 1.22; FIC piastres (per 100) 8.22.

German Polish bonds were down £1-10s. Greeks were fractionally higher.—United Press.

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The Trans-Pacific liner Hikawa Maru is to arrive here on August 9 to mark the resumption of regular Canadian-Japanese passenger service.

Owned by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the 11,421-ton liner is now undergoing extensive refitting in Japanese naval yards.

The NYK Line's Pacific service was interrupted by World War II.—United Press.

